



Cupboard love

New kitchen is Pat's dream start to 2010

by Peter Cordwell

PENSIONER Patricia Begho can't wait to tell you about her brilliant new kitchen.

The gregarious gran was so pleased that she wrote to GT about it, saying: "The transformation is unbelievable. It makes me think I have a new home!"

Patricia's council flat in Kingsman Street, Woolwich, is one of thousands across the borough that have been improved under Greenwich Council's 'Decent Homes'

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Burglars stung by hot-spot patrols

BURGLARIES in Greenwich are down by six per cent while the rest of London has seen an increase.

Det. Chief Insp. Sean Yates told GT: "We have been targeting burglary by deploying additional overnight patrols in hot spot areas identified through our intelligence system. We also set up a number of anti-burglary campaigns as part of Operation Bumblebee, which are still ongoing." Cllr Maureen O'Mara, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for neighbourhood services, said: "This sends out a really positive message that we are working together to reduce the number of burglaries and are keeping Greenwich a safe place to live."

Police in Greenwich have also set up a new "disruption team" which aims to prioritise operations against prolific offenders.

● **CRIME** on buses in the borough of Greenwich has been reduced by 28 per cent since the introduction of the Greenwich Safer Transport team at the start of 2009. Police have been patrolling transport hubs and targeting specific bus routes.



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SOME things are better left unsaid, but others need to be said more often, especially when it's about appreciation. This one is quite timely because the subject celebrated his birthday four days ago, which also happened to be January 1. Kevin Nolan turned 73, although he could pass in romantic light for 37. He has many an attribute but the one we all know is writing the Charlton Athletic match reports for GT every week. They are, I would guess, as good as any anywhere in the country and far superior to the majority that rely on Gaffer's quotes instead of the independent evidence that Kevin presents to the jury. I happen to know that not so long ago a Charlton manager used one of Kevin's reports as the basis for his midweek (acidic) team talk, so accurate and insightful was the reporter's assessment of his team. It's fair to say that no other Valley match reporter in the last 45 years - and I've known 'em all - has come close to the Nolan mark, even if sometimes

there are four or five pars on Fawltly Towers or The Front Page before a "decent cross" gets a mention in a Nolan report (you know it's been a poor game). His love for the club underscores every sentence but never gets in the way of an honest assessment, so when Kevin described young Scott Wagstaff's performance at Stockport as "superb", that's one to superglue to the scrapbook. A recent Nolan sentence at random: "If winning ugly has any merit, then the Addicks can be proud of this victory. It wasn't entirely deserved but since when has justice troubled the conscience of victors?" This begins to take on the feel of an obituary but Kevin's dear old dad and famed Uncle Ned lived almost 200 years between them, so there should be plenty more to come. And the Valley pressbox, with its other much-loved veterans in Colin Cameron and Peter Burrowes, will retain that certain style, even without the half time sandwiches.

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TRUE GRIT: three members of the Greenwich Council team get ready for action as the snow carpeted the whole borough

A grit effort

200 council
staff battle
against the
elements

HUNDREDS of Greenwich Council staff battled to keep roads and footpaths as clear as possible as the winter freeze threw down challenges to local councils across the country over Christmas.

With over 1,000km of pavement in the borough, the council made sure the busiest areas and footways on hilly residential roads were gritted first, followed by less busy and flatter roads and paths.

More than 200 staff worked on gritting and ice clearance on footways and estates across the borough. They included a caretaking team who stayed on duty until 2am on December 22 after sudden falls of snow blocked roads on the Woolwich Common estate.

On the roads the initial focus was to ensure that priority

roads were gritted in good time, and the council's fleet of gritting lorries was already working round the clock ahead of the weekend once

We wanted to make sure that residents could go about their normal business whatever the weather

bad weather was forecast.

The system ensured that all the following major roads were cleared with speed:

- main roads
- public transport routes
- hospital access streets
- well-trafficked hills

Following the clearance of priority one routes, the aim

was for gritting lorries to be re-deployed to clear priority two routes, including:

- residential streets
- pathways
- other locations where public safety may be cause for concern

Inevitably, the work had to respond to the changing weather conditions and the sudden snowfall required re-gritting some high priority roads.

Deputy council leader Peter Brooks told GT: "We wanted to make sure that residents could go about their normal business whatever the weather. We were confident our teams had all the measures in place to keep the roads clear - and we're prepared for more from where that came from!"



SNOW PROBLEM: two lads make the most of the conditions

FOOD IS FUEL: it's feeding time at Maryon Wilson Park



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A New Year message from the leader of Greenwich Council

Best wishes for 2010

A YEAR ago we looked forward with some trepidation to 2009, following the world-wide collapse in the financial markets. There was considerable uncertainty as to the impact this would have on each of us and on our families. The same was true for Greenwich. Would investors and developers be able to keep going? Would our own investment plans be hit? A year on and, while there is some slippage on developments as finance became more difficult to obtain from the banks, I have been pleasantly surprised by just how much progress we and our partners have been able to make.

The year began optimistically with the opening of the new DLR station in Woolwich. Already over 3 million passengers have used its service, demonstrating again just how much latent demand exists for transport infrastructure in our borough. Work has continued at the Greenwich Peninsula and the Royal Arsenal and been started on the huge Kidbrooke development, including the demolition of the Ferrier Estate. New school buildings have begun at Thomas Tallis in Blackheath and Crown Woods in Eltham, while the new St Paul's school will open its doors at its new location in Abbey Wood next week. It has been pleasing to be able to ensure that our 'Decent Homes' programme for council



PLEASED WITH PROGRESS: council leader Chris Roberts

tenants has remained on track, and we will be one of the few boroughs to complete the programme on schedule by the end of this coming year. Critical for us all in the Town Hall was to recognise the potential impact the recession would have on family finances and local businesses. To this end, we were able, for the fifth time in 11 years, to freeze the Council Tax and we are committed to doing the same in the coming year to ensure we do not add to the burden facing families. So what about our priorities for 2010? Well, apart from making sure we can freeze the Council Tax, we shall be working hard to make sure our development partners continue to invest in the borough and we make sure we improve the transport connections. In the past few months alone, we have been working to try to bring forward the next phase of development at The O2, to keep the Royal Arsenal and Kidbrooke developments going and to see starts made after

But if there is just one wish I could deliver for the borough in the coming year, it is to finally nail the commitment of government and City Hall to supporting the delivery of a Crossrail station at Woolwich. Nothing would relieve the unremitting challenges of regenerating the poorest areas of our borough

much delay on the Coronet at Well Hall and the Cutty Sark Pier. Recently we announced a £4.8m Olympic and Paralympic legacy for sports and environmental improvements to our parks and open spaces, and we shall be witnessing a number of these investments coming to fruition in 2010. There is still time to let us know where you think we should plant the 2012 new trees. The lack of real progress at the Copenhagen Climate Change Summit means we should continue to do all we can to make progress locally. In that regard I want to thank residents once again for taking advantage of our doorstep recycling scheme to increase recycling levels in the borough from 13 per cent to 42 per cent. Well done to you all. The council this year has pledged to cut its carbon emissions by 10 per cent in a single year, so this time next year you can see if we have managed to achieve that target. Which brings me back to transport. We are

presently consulting residents and businesses on the partial pedestrianisation of Greenwich Town Centre - a long-held ambition. We have also commissioned work to examine the feasibility of developing a DLR extension from north of the river to Eltham via Kidbrooke. But if there is just one wish I could deliver for the borough in the coming year, it is to finally nail the commitment of government and City Hall to supporting the delivery

of a Crossrail station at Woolwich. Nothing else would have as great an impact in relieving the unremitting challenges of regenerating the poorest areas of our borough than a heavy rail link with underground style services that would place Woolwich seven minutes from Canary Wharf, 14 minutes from Tottenham Court Road and 44 minutes from direct links to Heathrow. It is a huge prize, albeit with substantial costs - all of which are loaded onto us

locally. No other station, apart from Canary Wharf - which can reclaim substantial future rents from the world's wealthiest businesses - has been asked to finance its own construction costs. Despite this challenge and the constant threat of its removal from the programme, we remain committed to doing all we can to try to secure a solution which delivers the station for Greenwich. Happy New Year to you all.

Cllr Chris Roberts

Patricia loves her 'Decent Home'

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programme. And as the government-funded scheme enters its final year, another £70 million will be spent on top of the £150 million that have brought nearly 70 per cent of housing up to the required "decent standard". Mrs Begho, 73, told GT that her kitchen was a dream come true but added: "I pray that my GP will not tell me off for any weight gained! I have been cooking nicer dishes in my wonderful new kitchen."

"When I moved in here seven years it had an old kitchen and just two cupboards either side of the sink. When I got the

letter from the council about the refurbishment I didn't know what to expect.

"I didn't go into the kitchen once during the work because I wanted to be surprised - and what a surprise! When you get a gift like this you have to say thank you, so I wrote to the contractors, Apollo, about the wonderful job they did."

GT visited on the day Patricia was looking after her two-year-old granddaughter, Noelani. Patricia said: "Having a beautiful kitchen makes such a difference to my quality of life. I can cook nice meals for Noelani and

we can eat them in comfort."

Nicola Wiggins, Apollo's resident liaison officer, said: "The response to the refurbishments has been very good but it's obviously very nice when you get a letter like the one we got from Patricia."

● **THE Decent Homes programme started in 2004 when council tenants were consulted on options, usually either a refurbished kitchen or bathroom as well as having their homes made weatherproof. To find out more about Decent Homes, visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/housing**

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This is not Ferry good

FROM your report of the closure of Blackwall Tunnel, there are two points I would like cleared up. First, it was reported that it's not possible to use a contraflow system in the Blackwall Tunnel. Why then is it allowed through the Rotherhithe Tunnel daily? Second, for months we have put up with a one-boat service on

the Woolwich Ferry, but the operators were happy to announce that a two-boat service would operate with extended hours due to the closure of one tunnel. I took a walk down to the ferry at 4pm on a Monday evening to see Woolwich Road at a standstill due to lorries blocking the ferry approach roundabout due to the fact no staff were

manning the ferry car park. Why are the ferry operators not made to keep the car park manned when the ferry is open instead of traffic blocking up the roundabout?

P. Back, Greenwich

• BOTH the Blackwall Tunnel and Woolwich Ferry are the responsibility of Transport for London. TFL said: "Rotherhithe is an

extremely narrow tunnel with sharp bends. This means that vehicles have to travel slowly in the tunnel, which is why there is a 20mph speed limit. The Woolwich Ferry car park should be staffed when the ferry is in operation. If we are provided with details of instances where the south side car park has not been staffed we will take these up with the ferry operator."

The Decent thing

I WAS surprised to see Councillor Peter Brooks quoted in the recent GT talking about the programme "We are already carrying out to bring existing council homes up to the 'Decent Homes' standard. I have friends in Brewhouse Road in Woolwich who have been advised that "funds for this scheme are now exhausted" and they will not be eligible for much-needed double glazing and a refurbished kitchen. They'll be lucky if they get their insecure front door replaced. What's going on here? Has no-one told Peter

Brooks the money's run out? Or are my friends being lied to?

Sue Edwards, Abbey Wood

• HOMES in Brewhouse Road are among hundreds scheduled to have Decent Homes work carried out in 2010. There is money allocated to carry out this work which, depending on the results of detailed surveys, will include (where necessary) the replacement of windows, external doors, heating, kitchens and roofs.

The council will be in touch with residents before the work is due to start to carry out detailed consultation. Ed

Panto dame the very best

AFTER two years as a resident of the borough, I thought it about time that I visited Greenwich Theatre to see one of their pantomimes, and last week I took my

STAR LETTER

niece and nephew on a trip to see Mother Goose. I never expected to enjoy the show as much as I did. This talented cast were led by the best panto dame I have ever seen and whose wit and flamboyant costumes

appealed to young and old alike. This kicked our Christmas off to a tremendous start and I will now count myself among the many fans of Greenwich Theatre's quality Christmas offering!

M. Kelly, Eltham

CROSS PURPOSES

I WAS surprised to read about the petition that has been set up to lobby the Prime Minister for a new river crossing in south east London. I think a lot of people would agree with the need for one - especially after the traffic gridlock we all experienced once again when the Blackwall Tunnel was shut. But why the PM? It is the Mayor of London who has the power to make this a reality.

S. Mainwaring, Woolwich

OUR Star Letter writer will win two tickets to a Charlton Athletic match at The Valley for the 2009/10 season, so get writing! For information on 2009/10 season tickets please visit www.cafc.co.uk or call 0871 226 1905.



Greenwich among the first to get super-fast broadband

GREENWICH residents will be among the first in the country to benefit from super-fast broadband.

A multi-million pound investment programme to upgrade the copper based internet and phone network is being carried out by Openreach - the organisation responsible for maintaining 28 million phone lines in the UK.

Around 10 million premises should be able to access fibre-based services by 2010. And the roll out, starting this month, means residents and businesses in Woolwich, Thamesmead, Eltham and Greenwich will be among the first to get super-fast broadband.

It means locals can send and receive information over the net at lightening speeds including High Definition films, music and graphics without irritating pauses.

Openreach, which is solely responsible for improving and maintaining the network infrastructure, says the upgrade will provide super-fast downloads at more than 10 times the speed currently received by most residents and businesses. Communication providers such as BT, Talk Talk and Sky will be selling the new super-fast broadband services that will run over the upgraded network.

Make PALS with your local health service providers



T O D A Y , Greenwich Time launches a new regular column, hoping to keep you up-to-date with some of the latest health initiatives in the borough.

First off, did you know that the people who organise our local services are now called 'NHS Greenwich'?

The people who provide the day to day care are now called 'Greenwich Community Health Services'.

If you need to find your way around what's on offer, there's a specific group of people called PALS - the Patient Advice and Liaison Service.

Look out for them at health roadshows and at fetes and fairs this year. PALS has been around for a few years and you can ring them any weekday. You can also email, fax or write to them.

Contact PALS:

- If you need help finding or registering with a GP
- If you need help contacting any health support-groups or voluntary organisations, or independent advocacy services
- If you have a suggestion on how local NHS services could be improved

- If you have concerns about the way you have been treated
- To resolve problems quickly on your behalf

- If you want to make a formal complaint, because PALS can guide you through the process.

PALS can help you with information about Primary care and family health services, such as GPs, dentists, opticians and pharmacists or Community Health with clinics, district nurses, and health visitors or any service commissioned (or bought) by NHS Greenwich.

- PHONE PALS any time between 9.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday on 0800-16 99 928

You can email inquiries to pals@greenwichpct.nhs.uk You can also write to: the PALS Officer, Carol Berry, at NHS Greenwich Teaching Primary Care NHS Trust at 31-37 Greenwich Park St, Greenwich, SE10 9LR

The fax number is 020-8293 6748, and there are also Type Talk Services available for deaf or hard of hearing via www.greenwich.nhs.uk

- PALS is not a medical service. If you need health information, please contact NHS Direct, 24 hours a day, on 0845 4647



ALWAYS PALS: This NHS support-service is there to help you

Butt out of fag litter problem

Crackdown on rubbish caused by cigarettes

by Hilary Bryan

COUNCIL staff handed out portable ashtrays to festive shoppers as part of a campaign to remind people about the problem of smoking litter.

The free 'Stubbies' were given out in the Talk Cafe at Greenwich Council's Woolwich Winter Warmer event last month.

Visitors to the Talk Cafe had a chance to talk to Cleansweep staff about a range of environmental issues and complete a survey which had a question about cigarette litter.

The portable Stubbie which can be emptied, cleaned and reused, allows smokers to extinguish cigarettes and dispose of them safely. Greenwich Council has been handing them out at community events for about two years as part of its drive to crack down on smoking litter.

Last month's Stubbie giveaway came as Keep Britain Tidy called for more action on cigarette litter as part of its latest campaign.

The environmental charity is urging the cigarette industry to educate smokers on the impact of cigarette litter and has issued a new promotional film highlighting the problem of smoking litter.

The film depicts Londoners battling through a sea of giant cigarette butts and is available to view



STUBBORN ABOUT STUBBIES: Council officers and Cllr O'Mara hand out Stubbie portable ashtrays in Woolwich

at [www. keep britaintidy .org](http://www.keepbritaintidy.org)

Cigarette butts, matches, empty packets and their wrappers are England's biggest litter problem and are found on 78% of our streets say campaigners

Phil Barton, Keep Britain Tidy chief executive said: "The sheer size and scale of the cigarette litter problem is shameful and disgusting. Clearly many smokers have yet to be convinced that their cigarette stubs are litter and they seem happy to drop them everywhere.

"Cigarettes are litter – once dropped they are very difficult to clean up and blight the majority of the streets. Smokers need to act responsibly, get a personal ashtray or use a bin.

"We have had early talks

with cigarette manufacturers and hope to be able to work with them to tackle this major problem for our streets."

Cllr Maureen O' Mara, Greenwich council's cabinet member for neighbourhood services, reminded residents that dropping a cigarette butt is an offence which can lead to a fine of £80. She urged locals to use a portable ashtray or to extinguish their cigarettes and dispose of them in a regular rubbish bin.

"Greenwich Council takes a zero-tolerance approach to all environmental crime – which includes littering by dropping cigarette butts. Portable ashtrays are a great way of offering smokers the chance to make responsible choices about how they dispose of their cigarette butts regardless of whether they are near a bin or not."

She added: "It takes months and in some circumstances years for a cigarette butt to degrade and the mess they leave is not only unsightly but can pose hygiene and environmental risks.

"We're pleased that the majority of residents take pride in the cleanliness of their borough and we will take action against the minority whose actions blight the lives of everyone else."



Service tribute for lost children

BEREAVED parents and carers filled a church to remember and honour their children.

It was the fourth annual service to be hosted by The Terry Booker Foundation, and Mayor of Greenwich, Cllr Allan McCarthy, and the borough's Police Commander, Richard Wood, were among the special guests. Cllr Maureen O'Mara, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for neighbourhood services, did the first reading.

The foundation is named after the late son of Lynne

Booker, from Plumstead. Terry, who was 19, was fatally stabbed in November, 2000.

Lynne set up the support group over four years ago with her friends to help parents struggling to cope after a murder, a fatal accident, a suicide, a miscarriage or a still-birth. The foundation holds a memorial service at St Andrew's church in Bostall Heath at this time of year to try to bring some comfort

A group of 10-year-olds from Foxfield Primary School,

Sandbach Place, Woolwich, came with their teachers to sing 'Silent Night' – in honour of a pupil's mum who died 18 months ago. Foxfield was also Terry Booker's old school.

Chief Supt Wood told GT: "I've seen the fantastic work the parents do. This is a very worthwhile cause."

He told the congregation: "I'm almost 'lost for words'. My heart really goes out to all of you."

The names of dozens of babies and children who have

died were read aloud while family and friends lit candles and placed angels on a tree.

There was also an angel for Baby P and for all the lost heroes from the present conflicts overseas.

● **THE Terry Booker Foundation** whose motto is "Remember you are not alone" has a 24-hour support line on 07768 373 420. Members run an informal drop-in from 1-3pm every Tuesday and Thursday at 1-4 Beresford Square, Woolwich.

Bogus bubbly scam goes flat

COUNTERFEIT bottles of Bollinger champagne have been seized.

The dodgy bottles of bubbly were discovered by trading standards officers in outlets in Plumstead and Eltham.

The 'champagne' is actually repackaged bottles of sparkling white wine and are easy to spot as the labels contain spelling mistakes and refer to Queen Elizabeth the 11th on the Royal Warrant section of the labelling.

Trading Standards officers are also reminding residents of their rights when returning unwanted or faulty Christmas gifts.

Consumer Direct London, which offers Londoners advice and support, is reminding people that they could be entitled to either a refund, replacement or repair if an item is not as described, not fit for purpose or not of satisfactory quality.

Cllr Maureen O' Mara Greenwich Council's cabinet member for neighbourhood services, said: "In the current financial climate it is even more important for people to be wise with their money and to stand up for their rights. It's very important for shoppers to be aware of their legal rights when buying presents for loved ones."

● **Anyone with an unwanted or faulty gift** should consult the relevant shop's customer services department, call Consumer Direct London on 08454 04 05 06 or visit

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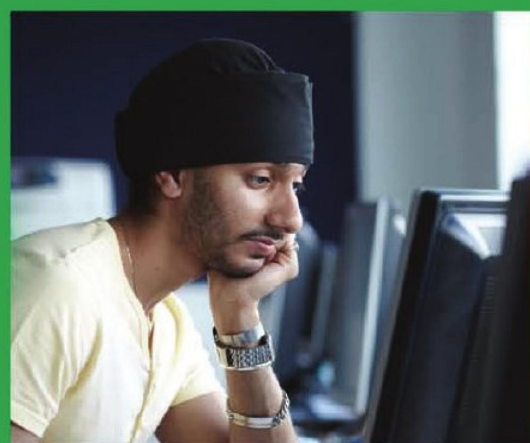
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A stitch in time

Embroidery on display thanks to generous donation



THANK YOU SEW MUCH:
embroiderer Maureen Black, 83,
and Cllr John Fahy show their
gratitude to Sir Anthony

AN embroidery group which has created Greenwich's own version of the Bayeux tapestry said a special thank you to a benefactor who helped to get it on display.

Members of the Greenwich Millennium Embroiderers presented some artwork to celebrated 'Yes Minister' screenwriter Sir Anthony Jay last month.

It happened during the launch event of the eight embroideries which are now on display to the public at Greenwich Heritage Centre.

Work started on the embroideries back in 1998 as a community millennium project to celebrate 2000 years of Greenwich History. The panels were the idea of the late Beverly Burford, a former

by Hilary Bryan

Curator of the Greenwich Museum, and contain images from as far back as the Romans and Celts, through the Tudors and into the 20th Century.

But only two of them could be displayed because of the cost of the protective display cases and the Friends of Greenwich Millennium Embroideries launched a fundraising campaign.

The campaign was supported by a range of individuals and groups including Greenwich Council, The University of Greenwich and Blackheath Art Society.

Then a generous personal contribution from Sir Anthony Jay boosted the fund

and helped secure their permanent display in Woolwich.

Sir Anthony, whose credits include the legendary Bafta award-winning BBC comedies 'Yes Minister' and 'Yes Prime Minister', is the brother of the late Sally Jenkinson who drew the sketches for the people and buildings that appear on the panels.

He said: "This is a stupendous achievement which gives Greenwich their very own Bayeux Tapestry. The panels were designed by an incredibly dedicated group of embroiderers who volunteered their services and also helped form the Friends of Greenwich Millennium Embroideries to help raise the funds for the

display cases."

Cllr John Fahy, Greenwich Council's Cabinet Member for culture and Olympics, said: "I would personally like to extend my gratitude to the Friends group for their tireless efforts in helping to create these special panels and then in helping to raise funds, and also thank Sir Anthony Jay for his incredibly generous donation which helped secure the purchase of the display cases."

● **For more information on the Greenwich Embroidery Panels, visit** www.greenwichembroideries.org.uk or for more on Greenwich Heritage Centre visit www.greenwichheritage.org call 020 8854 2452.

Special deliveries at the Storkway

THE STORKWAY Children's Centre delivered a new batch of qualified childcare workers during a special celebration last month. The centre, on Ridgebrook Road, Kidbrooke, hosted a presentation ceremony for a successful group of students who had completed parenting and childcare courses. Greenwich Mayor Allan MacCarthy presented the certificates which included a combination of nationally recognised qualifications in childcare and education. It's hoped the qualifications will help participants get improved job and training opportunities, as well as giving them key skills in parenting.

"I'm really pleased to present these certificates and join in celebrating a wonderful achievement for local families



WELL DONE: Childcare workers celebrate with Mayor Allan MacCarthy and Cllr Jackie Smith


at the children's centre. This ceremony marks a number of individual successes, from parents and childcare workers, as well as demonstrating a collective dedication to improving

services for families at Storkway Children's Centre," said the mayor. He was joined by Cllr Jackie Smith, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for children and young people, who said:

"Congratulations to everyone on completing these challenging courses in childcare and parenting skills. This is a massive achievement and I'm very proud of everyone at the children's centre for their hard-work and continuing efforts to improve the services we provide at Storkway."

She added: "These qualifications will open many career opportunities in childcare, nursery and pre-school education, and go hand-in-hand with Greenwich's commitment to providing high-quality childcare provision that meets the needs of local children and families."

● **More information on children's centres at** www.greenwich.gov.uk/childrenscentres



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Please telephone the school to request an application form. Visits welcome. The closing date is Friday 15th January 2010. Interviews will be held during the week beginning Monday 18th January 2010.

Claudette's cause at No. 10

by Peter Cordwell

THAT'S Claudette Lawrence outside No. 10 with the Prime Minister's senior health advisor Greg Beales - and she wasn't there just for HER health.

The Greenwich mental health activist was in Downing Street to argue the case for people like her who have suffered in the face of stigma and discrimination.

Claudette, 40, was invited after writing to Mr Brown in support of the national 'Time to Change' campaign and her own involvement with the recent NHS Greenwich 'Get Moving - Feel Good' event, which was a great success.

She told GT: "I wrote to Gordon Brown about mental health stigma and discrimination. I'd lost my job because of depression and wanted to talk to him about the Time to Change campaign. He wrote back to invite me to No. 10 to meet Greg Beales and discuss these issues."

"It went really well. I didn't expect to get a reply, let alone the invitation."

Claudette, who went to school in Kidbrooke, made the point that many people were frightened to come forward and say that they have a mental health problem because of the stigma around it.

"A survey carried out by Time to

Me & my borough

Change showed there was evidence to suggest that people were not given interviews for jobs," said Claudette, who lives in Thamesmead. "People are discriminated against because they have a mental health problem. I think a lot of it is down to ignorance and fear. Other people are frightened and don't know how to deal with it."

"Ideas are being developed as we speak to help some employers understand and change their attitudes. Personally, I am campaigning for changes in the law around job applications and removing the clause saying applicants must disclose information about mental health problems."

"That obviously puts people at a disadvantage and at the moment you can be dismissed if it's found out that you failed to give this information at your interview."

Claudette's campaigning has made her a 'Time to Change' champion and recently she attended a mental health exhibition in London. She said: "The campaign matches me up to

events and I go along to represent them and speak on their behalf. It's based in Stratford and is funded by the Lottery and Comic Relief. I think it's a brilliant campaign and doing a wonderful job. I asked Greg Beales if the government could help out with funding."

In just a few months Claudette has clearly established herself as a formidable campaigner. "I've got a lot of people to come forward about discrimination issues, including getting people to sign the visual pledge on Facebook. I've made quite a few friends myself and the whole thing has been very positive."

"I feel much better in myself as well and my big hurdle now is to get back to work. The stigma is still there for me personally and I've got to work against that. I'm legally trained and I'd like to work in mental health as some kind of ambassador that will lead to paid work in the future."

"I'm interested and involved in the community, including the Women's Institute and Townswomen's Guild. I'm also involved in the Baby P Campaign. I hope there's someone out there who realises that I do have skills and having had a health problem does not mean that I'm not valuable."

● **FIND out more about Time to Change at www.time-to-change.org.uk**



NATURAL CAMPAIGNER: Claudette Lawrence meets Greg Beales at 10 Downing Street

Borough BRIEFS

Comment on new school entry rules

GREENWICH Council is consulting on changes to its admissions arrangements to primary and secondary schools for 2011/12. The borough is also considering certain changes to the 2010/11 admission arrangements. Documents outlining the details are available at www.greenwich.gov.uk/ consultations. Information about

the proposed changes is also available at the Eltham Centre, and the Riverside Centre in Woolwich. Residents can give their views by downloading a response form available at the above link. Completed forms must be sent to Jane Lawley, Head of Admissions, 2nd Floor, Riverside House East, Woolwich High Street, London SE18 6BU by March 1 or call 020 8921 8030.

DOORSTEP TREE RECYCLING

RESIDENTS who have Christmas trees can leave them out for collection with other garden and food waste on their usual collection day. Trees will be collected along with items from their green-lidded waste bins. More information at www.greenwich.gov.uk/recycling

Tales of the town

Play promotes community pride in Thamesmead

by Pat Greenwood

PRIMARY and secondary school pupils have staged a play which celebrates the life and times of their local community.

Thamesmead Travelled - commissioned by Trust Thamesmead, the area's leading development agency - involved directors from Greenwich and Lewisham Young People's Theatre working with pupils from Woolwich Polytechnic School, along with Heronsgate and Linton Mead primary schools in workshops. The three-act play gives past, present and future glimpses into local life.

The project, which has been part funded by Greenwich Council, is part of 'Triffic Thamesmead'. The initiative is designed to raise awareness among local schoolchildren of Thamesmead's history and heritage and to encourage a sense of civic pride and 'belonging' among young people. Councillor John Fahy, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for culture and the Olympics, said: "This has been

ACTING UP: Thamesmead pupils perform for other youngsters



a great opportunity for young people of all ages to come together within a creative environment."

He added: "Congratulations to all those pupils who have taken part and I'm sure that they have been greatly enthused and learned a lot from their experiences."

Thamesmead and Erith MP John Austin saw the play before Christmas.

He said: "Tonight has shown we are top of the league!"

Trust Thamesmead's Chief Executive Mick Hayes said: "There is real evidence that the work being done in the classroom is making a real

difference to the children's appreciation and understanding of where they live."

Mick added: "This play is a wonderful development but we don't want it to end here. We will be seeking to extend the project into other Thamesmead schools in the future."

Breathe-taking achievement

Best support group award for new project

by Pat Greenwood

AN informal support group offering gentle exercise and information for residents with respiratory problems has been proclaimed London's "breath of fresh air".

Reps from the British Lung Foundation came to the borough to award the accolade of "outstanding new group" to Breathe Easy Greenwich, a monthly group for people with respiratory problems.

Around 15,000 people in the borough fight for breath as a result of conditions such as emphysema, bronchiectasis, cystic fibrosis, fibrosing alveolitis, chronic bronchitis, and asthma.

The Breathe Easy group offers support, advice, information and a chance to meet people in a similar situation.

It meets on the last Friday of the month from 11.30am until 1pm at the Hider Court sheltered housing scheme at 120 Hervey Road, Charlton, and it wants to welcome new members in the New Year.

The group was founded in



PROUD MOMENT: Breathe Easy Greenwich chairman Jim Corby shows off the certificate

2007 by Helen Jefford, Respiratory Physiotherapist working for Greenwich Primary Care Trust.

Helen said: "Living with lung disease can often be a frightening and isolating experience. By joining your local Breathe Easy Group people in the Greenwich area will be able to benefit from the support of each other and share experiences, which will

hopefully lead to an improved quality of life and an awareness of the positive side of living with lung disease."

Breathe Easy Greenwich is one of more than 200 groups across the country which are all part of a British Lung Foundation support network.

Greenwich Breathe Easy was able to hand over £500, raised through raffles and

collections – half to the British Lung Foundation towards its support-work and half to the local NHS pulmonary rehabilitation team for a folding treadmill.

The group's first meeting in the New Year will be on January 29.

● **The British Lung Foundation provides information at** www.lunguk.org or on helpline 08458 50 50 20.

Pedestrian plans go on display in Woolwich

DETAILS of proposals to pedestrianise Greenwich Town Centre are on display at Woolwich Town Hall next week.

Exhibition boards showcasing the plans will be up in Victoria Hall on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 11, 12 and 13. Visitors will be able to view the plans whenever the town hall is open. They will also be able to complete questionnaires on the proposals. Residents can also give their views online or by written representations which should all be returned by January 15. The display at Woolwich follows a three-day exhibition in Greenwich town centre last month that attracted 400 visitors.

The proposed scheme would involve closing College Approach and King William Walk at the northern section to all traffic except for access. Greenwich Church Street would become a shared space for pedestrians and vehicles north of Creek Road.

There would be two-way traffic along Nelson Road with a T-junction at Greenwich Church Street, or traffic would be re-routed clockwise along Norman Road, Creek Road, Greenwich Church Street and Greenwich High Road.

● Details are available on 020-8921 6114 or 020-8921 5587 or the consultation document can be downloaded at www.greenwich.gov.uk/consultations

Funds boost for disabled dancers

YOUNG trainee dancers with both physical and learning difficulties have had a great New Year present.

The Deptford-based dance centre Laban, on the Creek, has received a grant of £24,000 from BBC Children in Need to support its Dance Ability class over the next three years. The programme is for disabled children aged five to 12 who are encouraged to explore their movement through guided exercises and imaginative play. The Laban also runs Dance Venture for young disabled and non-disabled dancers aged 12 to 19.

● Details of both schemes at www.laban.org

Council highly rated for care of adults

GREENWICH Council has been given top marks for adult social care services following an independent inspection.

The Care Quality Commission's assessment published last month, found Greenwich to be 'performing well' overall and graded the Council 'excellent' for Improved Health and Well-Being. The national assessment body rates councils in seven areas and recognised the borough for the development of its workforce, managing budgets and engaging with service users.

Cllr Angela Cornforth, the council's cabinet member for health, adults and older people's services, said: "This is excellent news for Greenwich. It's the combination of our staff's hard work with clients, carers and local people, alongside a clear vision from the Council. This has seen adult social care continue to improve for people living in Greenwich, and we will all strive to maintain continuous improvement in services for the people of the borough."

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RESIDENTS can have their say on council services and take part in consultations by getting online. The Greenwich Council website – www.greenwich.gov.uk – offers an extensive range of easy to access features including details on council meetings, agendas and minutes from the meetings. Residents can also search for planning applications and the decisions taken on each as well as completing other tasks such as: paying bills including council tax and rent; renewing library books; reporting a bin or collection problem; joining the electoral register; searching

and applying for council jobs; applying for a marriage certificate and finding venues for hire; or to complain about or compliment a council service. The website is updated daily with the latest news, events and services and users can also catch up on the latest regeneration plans and Olympic developments in the build-up to 2012. Cllr Peter Brooks, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for regeneration, said: "The council website can really help users get the most out of living in Greenwich. Getting online is simple and quick so to 'Save time get online'".

Hot tips on keeping warm this winter

HELP with keeping warm this winter is available to residents who may be struggling with heating costs.

Greenwich Council's benefits advice service can offer information on the full range of support available.

For example, if you are aged 60, you may be able to get a Winter Fuel Payment.

This payment is worth £250 for most people this year (or £400 for households with someone aged 80 or over).

It does not matter how much income or savings you have and payments will not affect your other benefits or pension. Payments should be made automatically if you received a Winter Fuel Payment last year or if you get a state pension. Other people may need to claim.

• For more information or to claim, ring the Winter Fuel Payment Helpline on 0845

915 15 15 (textphone 0845 601 5613).

There are also Cold Weather Payments which are paid automatically in periods of very cold weather.

Pensioners, families with children under five and people with long-term health problems or disability can get this help if they are receiving certain benefits.

A Warm Front Grant can help people receiving certain benefits or tax credits to meet the cost of insulation, draught proofing or to repair or replace heating systems.

• For more information or to apply, ring the Warm Front Team on 0800 316 2805.

Private tenants and homeowners may also be able to get help from the Council's Home Improvement Team to help meet the cost of making their homes warmer.

Repairing central heating and double glazing are the types of improvements that could be covered by grants and interest free loans.

The help is limited to older and disabled people receiving certain benefits or tax credits, and you must live with someone who is under 16, aged 60 or over, or has a long-term illness or disability.

Clients who do not qualify for the council scheme may be able to get help from the Coldbusters Scheme.

• In either case residents can ring Greenwich Council's Home Improvement Team on 020 8921 2614 for more information.

Most energy suppliers offer help for customers struggling to pay their fuel bills and it's worth calling your supplier to see how they can help. You can also

get them to check that you are on the right tariff.

• For more information about keeping warm this winter ring the Department of Health's Publications Order Line on 0300 123 1002 for a copy of the leaflet 'Keep Warm, Keep Well'.

Get help information about help with heating costs at www.greenwich.gov.uk/advice and with saving energy at www.greenwich.gov.uk/energyefficiency

If you would like to check if you may be missing out on tax credits or benefits, or to receive a copy of a 'Help with fuel costs' factsheet, ring the Council's Welfare Rights Team on 020 8317 4872 (Mondays 2-4pm and Thursdays 10.30am-12.30pm (textphone 18001 020 8921 4900)). Borough residents aged 60 or over can ring the Pensioners Helpline on 020 8921 6375.

Eat to the beat

Cafe where music is served up with the food

by Pat Greenwood

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GREASE was the word at CJs café – definitely not the food, but the musical!

The catering trainees at the popular eaterie at the bottom of Powis Street, Woolwich, put on a special festive show after they closed up.

There were costume-changes galore, and it featured highlights from the teenage blockbuster, for family and for regulars.

Chris Nice, manager at the special project told us: "Everyone loves music and dancing here. So, first, a whole group of us went up to see 'Grease' in the West End in October, and then we decided that we would like to do our own production."

Casting was easy.

Chris said: "I just knew who was right for the parts. For instance, our Danny – who actually played Danny – sings all the time with me when we're working in the kitchen."

"Amy, who played Sandy, has a lot of confidence."

Chris, who was backed by fellow staff-members, customers Margaret and Rebecca, and by her own daughters Cheryl and Maxine, added: "All the cast have been so looking forward to the performance."

"They've all taken CDs home and practised the words."

Catering trainee Danny, from Plumstead, played the lead. He told us: "It's brilliant! I've really enjoyed it."

He and leading-lady Amy proved to be expert movers. Amy said: "I had to practise doing my hips."

Danny's carer Zaynah, who brought her five-year-old son and two-year-old daughter, told us: "I'm so proud of him."

"My little boy keeps asking 'Can I dance with Danny?'"



LEADING LADIES: the Pink Ladies perform a dance routine

Primary gets a great reception

Christ Church celebrates year of great changes and achievement

A YEAR ago Christ Church primary school was in the doldrums. It had been criticised by Ofsted and told it needed to improve.

A year later it is celebrating a vastly improved Ofsted report and brand new facilities in its reception class.

Ofsted graded all areas of the foundation stage as "good" and now children make a really good start to their education at the school in Blackwall Lane, Greenwich.

New executive headteacher Andy Redman turned the school round with strong support from an enthusiastic staff. He introduced the slogan "Christ Church makes a difference" and he meant it!

The plan was simple: progress matters for every child, including a strong Christian ethos built around love, respect and caring for each other and



A GOOD OPENING: Mayor of Greenwich Allan MacCarthy opens Christ Church primary school's new reception area

for the community.

The Ofsted inspector was particularly impressed with the reception class where there has been a considerable investment in new and improved facilities.

New doors lead out onto the refurbished playground with exciting equipment to climb on and play with, and the canopy

allows the children to play and work outside whatever the weather.

Parent Alison Bridle said: "In the year my son has been at Christ Church he has come on in leaps and bounds. He was reading after just a few weeks and the constant monitoring of each child means he is

encouraged to have a 'how can I improve' way of thinking.

"I am especially pleased with the way that Mr Redman is very keen on praise. I feel the school has a new-found sense of pride and achievement that has been strengthened by the Ofsted report."

Acting head Anne Cooper

We are really pleased with the report and everyone has worked so hard to achieve this result. Children enjoy school at Christ Church and love learning. It won't be long before Christ Church gets even better

added: "We are really pleased with the report and everyone has worked so hard to achieve this result. Children enjoy school at Christ Church and love learning. It won't be long before Christ Church gets even better."

Chair of governors Judith Eastaugh said: "We are delighted that Ofsted have recognised the hard work that Andy and his team have put in over this last academic year and the real improvement and culture change that the school has undergone."

● Apply online for primary school places at www.greenwich.gov.uk/admissions

Restaurant closed by mice infestation

AN INDIAN restaurant was temporarily closed when inspectors found mice during a spotcheck.

The Moza restaurant in Trafalgar Road, Greenwich, was closed for a few days when environmental inspectors discovered an extensive mouse infestation raising a serious risk to customers' health.

Inspectors were also concerned about the poor state of repair of kitchen tiles and the general cleanliness of the premises.

They took photographic evidence which was used in court to get an emergency prohibition order issued.

The restaurant was allowed to reopen subject to improvements and by meeting basic

guidelines such regular recording of fridge temperatures and maintaining the general up-keep of cleanliness.

If the measures are not observed, prosecution could follow.

The action is part of Greenwich Council's crackdown on catering businesses which will see the council's environmental health team checking premises across the borough this year.

Councillor Maureen O'Mara, Greenwich Council's Cabinet Member for neighbourhood services, said: "The Council will continue to carry out unannounced visits to food businesses and will take necessary action to safeguard customers' health. I would

encourage all local food businesses to follow appropriate food hygiene standards to avoid having their business closed down or even worse face prosecution."

To avoid heavy penalties, catering businesses can join a Council project to get advice on complying with food safety law.

Greenwich Council and other Olympic host boroughs together with Healthworks, will be offering free seminars and coaching sessions to eligible businesses from this month.

● For further information on how to make sure businesses are complying with the law or to see if they may be eligible to join the project, contact the environmental health team on 020 8921 8186.



Volunteer Citizen Advocates Wanted

Advocacy in Greenwich is looking for local volunteers to become Advocates for parents with learning disabilities, adults with learning disabilities and young people with disabilities to be heard, make choices and become empowered and involved in the community.

We are looking for local people who could volunteer a couple of hours a week and who want to make a difference.

We offer good support and cover advocates out of pocket expenses.

If you would like to become part of this exciting organisation please call us on **020 8293 3720** or e-mail us at steve@advocacyingreenwich.org.uk

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Power loan

Energy meters available at local libraries

SPECIAL meters which help residents measure their electricity use are available for free from two lending libraries.

The energy meters can track electricity usage to the nearest second helping the user to monitor how much electricity they consume, its cost and contribution to carbon emissions.

The meters are simple to operate with an easy to read display and are available free of charge from Woolwich and Blackheath libraries.

All residents have to do is present their Greenwich library card.

The meters can also be connected directly to a PC which can then build graphs and charts and make comparisons over specific periods of time to help users



NICE TO METER YOU: library visitors Geraldine Burke, son Louie-Jay Folan aged 2 and Chitrnanjan Matharu learn more about the energy monitors

set their own energy saving targets.

The meters were launched at Woolwich library last month. Cllr Rajwant Sidhu, the council's cabinet member for Greener Greenwich, said: "This is a great initiative

which enables people to quickly assess how much electricity they are using and subsequently plan ways to reduce both their bills and carbon footprint."

He added: "By making the meters available at local libraries it gives everyone a

chance to use them and make the changes that can bring long-term benefits to both themselves and the whole environment."

● **For more information** about what's on offer at local libraries visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/libraries

New HQ for Woolwich wordsmiths

THEY'VE said a big "thank you" – and now they're moving on to a bright, new future.

This time last year, the Woolwich-based charity 'Working with Words' – which trains people with learning disabilities in computer, office and social skills – was struggling after being burgled three times. Friends like Thamesmead law centre and other well-wishers donated equipment. Now they've found a new working-partner and a new base in the Clockhouse Community Centre on Woolwich Dockyard estate – to meet 2010 with a smile. The 11-year-old project which makes information easy for people with learning difficulties and for people with low literacy said a big "thanks" to all its supporters, including Greenwich Council, at an

AGM-breakfast at Citizen Jack's Café in Powis Street. Special guests included the Mayor of Greenwich, Cllr Allan MacCarthy, and the project's new working-partners from 'mcch', a charity with over 1,600 staff, which works all over London and the south, campaigning for homes, jobs and a good

social-life for people with learning disabilities and with mental health needs.

Over the years, Working with Words has been commissioned by many organisations, including local councils, the NHS and Transport for London (TfL) to produce easy-to-read, simple advice and

information. They have hosted over 2,000 training sessions, and they've developed their expertise from delivering contracts in just printed form to providing formats in audio and video too.

The Mayor told everyone: "Really and truly I think that knowing anybody or any organisation which makes clarity in words for people to understand – without having to be 'fancy' – is wonderful. "I applaud your whole scheme and I wish you every success."

● **VOLUNTEER** fund-raisers and any other well-wishers are always needed to support the charity. People with learning disabilities can find out more about the project through their carer or outreach worker. You can also visit www.workingwithwords.org or ring 020-8855 6644.



CLOCKING ON: project members look forward to the move to the Clockhouse

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4th Sat: Ferrier Community Hall, Telemann Square, Kidbrooke 11 am then Town Hall, Wellington Street, Woolwich 2pm.

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Clive Efford (Lab) Call for an appointment at the following monthly surgeries on 020-8850 5744 between 11am and 3pm Mon-Fri.
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Contact your MEP at the UK Office of the European Parliament on 020-7227 4300.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE following meetings are taking place over the next few days in the Town Hall, Wellington Street (unless otherwise stated).

Jan 7 - Overview and Scrutiny, 7pm.
Jan 12 - Licensing sub committee B, 5pm.
Cabinet committee, 5.30pm.
Best Value Review team - community Mental Health, 7pm.
Jan 13- Woolwich and Thamesmead Area Planning and Environment Committee, 6.30pm.
Jan 14 - Sustainable Communities and Transport Scrutiny Panel, 7pm.
Jan 18 - Greenwich Area Planning and Environment Committee, 6.30pm.

More information on 020-8921 5130 or visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/committees

O2's company

A unique scheme to get previously-unemployed Greenwich residents onto the jobs-ladder is currently featuring at The O2. The Major Events Volunteering Programme (MEVP) is a joint production between GLLaB, Greenwich Council's local labour and business scheme, AEG, the owners and operators of the world-class entertainment venue and Volunteer Centre Greenwich. Now at least a quarter of the specially-trained team who have been helping out at a whole range of non-commercial events have got into work. The scheme has also worked wonders for everyone's morale and self-esteem. PAT GREENWOOD has been talking to Team MEVP.....



LAURA Hall, a Woolwich district scout leader, noticed an information stand at one of Greenwich Council's Great Get Together advice and fun events last spring.

The single mum, who is bringing up a daughter and two sons, was egged on by her friend to stop and have a chat with reps from Greenwich Council's local labour and business scheme which directs residents and firms to local training and job opportunities. She went through the four-day induction for the Major Events Volunteering Programme (MEVP) and in October, Laura was helping to organise the medals and the flowers for the 41st Artistic World Gymnastics Championships at The O2!

At the end of 2009, she has logged up the most volunteering hours of any of the volunteer candidates – a total of 172!

She told us: "I'm an 'independent parent' but I knew I needed to get into something – otherwise you get bored at home. I found the initial training for this really good, really interesting. I'd never done anything in 'customer care' before, and

It shows employers you are busy while you're looking for work

I've met lots of new friends."

Laura and former Woolwich Polytechnic pupil Terry Matthews from Plumstead were together for their first task of helping out when a choir of 4,000 school children came to perform on the main

stage.

Terry told us: "It was like a baptism of fire! We were being asked lots of questions and we didn't know the answers. All the stewards were really helpful – and, after that, we felt like 'old hands'!"

Terry, who has previously worked as a print-finisher and a hospital lab assistant, is a keen believer in volunteering. "It fills in any gaps in your CV. It shows employers you are busy while you're looking for work."

Terry, like Laura, has found the customer care training on the course invaluable. "I had previously helped out in admin and in finance with the 'First Step Trust' in Woolwich which supports people with mental health problems.

"This course has been brilliant for me." Since September, Terry has been on a flooring apprenticeship with an office-

fitters firm. He also writes for a mental health trust magazine and eventually hopes to make that full-time, if possible.

"But I would never have had the confidence to do what I've done two years ago," he told GT.

Elaine Frankis was at home bringing up a son when she decided to join the 'Personal Best' programme for jobless people across London's five Olympic boroughs.

The Personal Best volunteering programme – also run



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Jobhunters volunteer at O2 sporting and entertainment events while they look for work



INTRODUCING THE TEAM: Some of the previously-unemployed Greenwich residents volunteering and loving it at The O2



by GLLaB – is especially for unemployed people with low qualifications and helps participants gain confidence, increase their skills and gain practical experience by volunteering in local sporting events and entertainment.

“Then I heard about the event volunteers course through GLLaB – and I decided it was a good ‘follow-on,’” she said.

Her first task at The O2 was helping out at a concert in aid of a music charity.

“I’d like to find employment as a steward here, if possible,” she said.

Kirill Sidorin, who originates from Latvia, said: “I was doing factory work but when I came to London, I looked on the internet about The O2 – it’s a very famous place and my goal was to get a job here.”

Now, after training – including

meeting and greeting Russian-speaking athletes and coaches from Heathrow – Kirill has succeeded in his goal.

Since November he’s been part of the floor-team in the ‘Matter’ nightclub within the entertainment district.

“Now I’m having fun, seeing the DJs and hearing the bands performing and I’m getting paid for it! I also have my licence for the security industry through GLLaB and I want to apply for a security-job here.”

A total of 103 Greenwich residents have successfully completed the training – including customer service and health and safety.

Volunteers’ manager Ann Lacey texts individuals a week or two before a particular event at The O2 and they respond if they’re available.

Seventy-five recruits helped out at the World Gymnastics, an event widely viewed as a valuable test in the build up to the



Olympics, and 25 volunteered to assist at the Barclays ATP World Tennis Tour finals, greeting spectators and helping visitors to find their way around the venue.

David Campbell, CEO of AEG Europe told GT: “This pilot programme has given local people both skills and experience that can be transferred to a whole range of employment opportunities which fits in with our strategies around local labour.”

Cllr Denise Hyland, Greenwich Council’s cabinet member for economy and skills, said: “Volunteering is a very useful route back into work for those who have been jobless for sometime. It allows the volunteer to gain new skills, build their self-confidence, get up-to-date experience and will provide them with current references.”

● **Learn about GLLaB training and job opportunities on 020-8312 7960 or visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/gllab**

GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Edition 166

How the lettings policy works

Housing applicants are placed within 'Bands' according to the Council's policy for letting homes. Your band information is on the letter that the Council sent you when you registered, or when your circumstances changed.

Property adverts say which band can apply and any other criteria. When all the bids are received, the property is then offered to:

For properties advertised for band A and band B - the applicant who has had this priority status for the longest time.
For properties advertised for band C applicants - the applicant who has been registered on the Council's list for the longest time.

Band

- A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.
- B** is for applicants the council must prioritise according to the law, particularly homeless people, and others with an urgent need to move for medical or welfare reasons.
- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

How do I apply?

1 Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, get an application form by phoning the Access and Allocations Section on 020 8921 2941. Or pick up a form from any neighbourhood office.

2 Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Council about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

3 Pick out your ideal property

by looking in Greenwich Time or regularly checking the website:

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free in either your neighbourhood housing office, library or UK Online centre.

4 Apply in one of two ways

- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Council's website

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

24-hour hotline

The Greenwich Homes (Choice Based Lettings) Telephone Bidding Line is available in:
 English 020 8921 4340

Greenwich Homes (locations « au choix ») Ligne téléphonique de demande disponible en français en composant le :
 French 020 8921 4330

Có sẵn Đường dây Đầu giá Điện thoại Greenwich Homes (Tài sản Dựa trên Sự chọn lựa) ở:
 Vietnamese 020 8921 4343

Guryaha Xaafadda Greenwich (Guri-Ijaar Ku-saleysan kala-doorashao) Khadka Ku-fartanka waxaa laga helaa:
 Somali 020 8921 4345

Greenwich Konutları (Tercihle Dayalı Kiralık Konut) Telefon ile Teklif Verme Hatı Türkçe de aranabiliyor:
 Turkish 020 8921 4347

格林威治家居 (揀選租屋計劃) 開通電話競投專線:
 Cantonese 020 8921 4370

கீள்விச் இல்வங்கள் (தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்ட வாடகை வீடுகள்) ஏலப் பிரிவு தொலைபே இங்கு கிடைக்கும்:

Tamil 020 8921 4300

The next edition of GreenwichHomes will be available on **Wednesday 13 January 2010 at midday** and will include any Housing Association properties when available. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on **Sunday 10 January 2010**.

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Only priority applicants can apply

Rsl allocations policy applies to **Housing Association** properties



Ref Number: 80003
Hawksmoor Close SE18
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted. Entry phone
No Dogs. Rad C/H
£88.26 pw. Bands A&B



Ref Number: 98124
Ann Street SE18
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
No Pkg. Entry phone
Rad C/H.
£68.86 pw Bands A&B



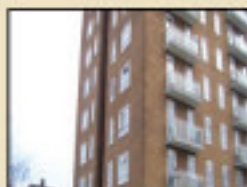
Ref Number: 98624
Revell Rise SE18
3 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
Garden. Entry phone
Rad C/H. Shwr Only.
£89.70 pw. Bands A&B.
Pref. to Medical



Ref Number: 98789
Greenbay Road SE7
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted. Entry phone
Rad C/H.
£83.61 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 99883
Ospringe Court Alderwood Rd SE9
3 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Lifted. Entry phone
Combi Boiler & 1 Rad.
£85.03 pw. Bands A&B



Ref Number: 100123
Strongbow Crescent SE9
2 Bed 8th Floor Flat
Lifted. No Pkg.
Rad C/H.
£83.63 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 100424
Eglinton Road SE18
2 Bed Grnd Floor Mals.
Garden. No Pkg.
Rad C/H.
£81.34 pw. Bands A&B



Ref Number: 100679
Coxmount Road SE7
3 Bed House Garden
No Pkg. Rad C/H
£97.71 pw. Bands A&B



Ref Number: 100761
Gavestone Rd SE12
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Lifted. Entry phone Rad
C/H. No Pkg. Shwr only
£84.39 pw. Bands A&B.
Pref to Medical



Ref Number: 100801
Boreman House Thames Street SE10
3 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Lifted. Entry phone
No Pkg. Rad C/H.
£94.29 pw. Bands A&B



Ref Number: 100820
Panfield Road SE2
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Lifted. Gas Fire & Rad
C/H
£77.13 pw. Bands A&B



Ref Number: 101544
Enderby Street SE10
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted. No Dogs
Rad C/H.
£86.92 pw Bands A&B

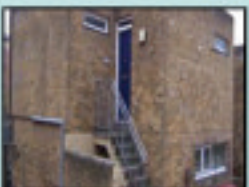
For information or assistance contact our
Allocations Team on: 020 8921 2941 Textphone
(minicom): 020 8921 2996

Email: housing-needs-unit@greenwich.gov.uk
Fax: 020 8854 7212

Anyone on the housing list can apply for these



Ref Number: 65998
Granby Road SE0
2 Bed House Garden
Rad C/H. Max. 1 Child
Under 16
£102.92 pw Band C



Ref Number: 95369
Long Walk SE18
2 Bed Bsmt Mals
No Pkg. Rad C/H
Min. 1 Child Any Age
£81.34 pw. Band C



Ref Number: 96482
Shenfield House Portway Gardens SE18
Bedsit 10th Floor Flat
Lifted. Rad C/H
£70.03 pw. Band C



Ref Number: 98239
Muller House Connaught Rd SE18
2 Bed 6th Floor Mals.
Lifted. Entry phone
Rad C/H.
£79.18 pw Band C



Ref Number: 99281
The Redwoods Congleton Grv SE18
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
No Pkg. Entry phone
Comm. Gas Htg
£78.88 pw. Band C

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property listings continue overleaf

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Anyone on the housing list can apply for these

Rsl allocations policy applies to **Housing Association** properties



Ref Number: 99578
Stirling House
Simmons Road SE18
3 Bed 6th Floor Mals.
Lifted, Ent phne No Pkg.
Rad C/H. Min. 2 Child
£84.15 pw. Band C



Ref Number: 99621
Gavin Hse Plumstead High Street SE18
1 Bed 3rd Floor Flat
Lifted, No Pkg.
Rad C/H.
£73.51 pw Band C



Ref Number: 100523
Haddo House
Haddo Street SE10
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Lifted, Ent phne No Pkg.
Rad C/H. Min. 1 Child
£86.61 pw. Band C



Ref Number: 100527
The Heights SE7
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
Garden, Entry phone.
No Pkg, Rad C/H.
£76.44 pw. Band C



Ref Number: 100828
Barnfield Gdns SE18
2 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
No Pkg, Entry phone
Gas Fire Only, Min. 1
child any age
£82.45 pw Band C.



Ref Number: 101104
Tivoli Gardens SE18
Bedsit 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted, Combi Boiler &
1 Rad.
£63.63 pw. Band C



Ref Number: 101120
Erskine House
Springfield Grv SE7
3 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Lifted, Entry phone
Rad C/H. No Dogs
£88.09 pw. Band C



Ref Number: 101180
Ampleforth Rd SE2
2 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Unlifted, Entry phone
Gas Fire & Rad C/H
Min. 1 Child Any Age
£77.22 pw. Band C



Ref Number: 101260
Plumstead High Street SE18
1 Bed Bsmt Flat
No Dogs, Rad C/H
£73.57 pw. Band C



Ref Number: 101585
Plumstead Common Road SE18
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
Garden, Rad C/H
No Dogs.
£78.17 pw Band C



Ref Number: 101648
Brookhill Road SE18
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted, Rad C/H
No Dogs or Cats.
£98.63 pw. Band C



Ref Number: 101103
Cleveley Close SE7
1 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Lifted, No Pkg.
Entry phone, Comm.
Gas Htg
£80.22 pw. Band C

Mutual Exchange – Swapping your home

Council and Housing Association Tenants can exchange their property with another tenant. From April 2006 applicants who have registered for a mutual exchange will be able to find suitable swaps through the Greenwich Homes website www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes. For more information about this scheme contact the Allocations Team on **020 8921 2941**.

Over 50s Housing

The Council has some blocks that are only for applicants aged 50 and over (they are usually one bed roomed flats). If you are interested please bid when you see the adverts.

Important Notice

Please note the closing date to register your bids for advertised properties will be **every Sunday at midnight**.

Only applicants aged 50+ can apply

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Sheltered / Retirement Housing

Sheltered Housing provides independence in a secure and friendly environment. Each Sheltered Scheme has a Scheme Manager who is the main source of support. There is 24 hour cover from the Telecare Service. The age criteria is over 60 years, but we can consider people over 55 years with a support need.



Our current vacancies include: (several are ready to let)

One Person Properties

Ann Stroud Court, 1bed, Ground floor flat
Beacham Close, 1st floor, Studio Flat, Charlton, SE7.
Bill Walden House, Woolwich, SE18, 1st Floor, Studio flat.
Defiance Walk, Woolwich Dockyard SE18, 2nd Fl Studio flat.
Greenlawns, Woolwich, SE18, 2nd Floor Studio Flat
Cooper Court, Herbert Rd SE18, 3rd floor Studio Flat.
Fred Styles House, Charlton SE7, 1st Floor Studio Flat
Garnett Close, Eltham SE9, Ground Fl Studio flat
Haven Lodge, Woolwich SE18, 2nd floor Studio Flat
Len Clifton House, Woolwich SE18, 1st Fl Studio flat
40 Littleheath, Charlton SE7, 1st floor Studio flat
Sarah Turnbull House, Woolwich SE18, 3rd Fl Studio flat.
174 Swingate Lane, Plumstead Common SE18, 3rd Fl Studio.
Wentworth House, Blackheath SE3, 3rd Fl Studio flat.

Two Person Properties

Collerston House, Greenwich SE10, 1 Bed, Ground fl flat.
Defiance Walk, Woolwich, SE18, 1 Bed, Ground fl flat.
Green Lawns, Woolwich, 1 Bed, Ground fl flat.
Swingate Lane, Plumstead, SE18, 1 Bed, 3rd fl flat.
Strand Court, Plumstead, SE18, 2 Bed, 1st fl flat.

All the above properties are lifted unless stated.

If you are interested in Sheltered housing please ring **020 8921 2804**, all applications are subject to a Sheltered Housing Assessment

This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 163

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Commonwealth Way SE2 0LB	2	FLAT	137	14/04/2006	C
Hewett House Brookhill Road SE18 8UG	1	FLAT	196	08/04/2004	C
Invermore Place SE18 7DE	1	FLAT	214	15/09/2004	C
The Link SE9 3AX	2	MAISONETTE		No Eligible Bids	
Haddo House Haddo Street SE10 9SG	3	FLAT	94	10/01/2007	C
Burrage Road SE18 7JU	2	FLAT	10	18/12/2006	B
Lineal Court Restons Crescent SE9 2JQ	3	FLAT	82	10/10/2006	C
Queenscroft Road SE9 5EJ	2	FLAT	29	30/04/2006	B
Ormsdon Road SE10 0LN	3	HOUSE	59	04/12/2000	A
Mocall Crescent SE7 8HS	2	HOUSE	298	18/04/2004	C
The Mound SE9 3AZ	2	FLAT	11	29/07/2009	B
Long Walk SE18 3TE	1	FLAT	225	14/09/2004	C
The Link SE9 3AX	2	MAISONETTE	11	25/11/1996	A
Elmore House Maryon Road SE7 8DG	2	FLAT	133	19/02/2006	C
Cookhill Road SE2 9PD	2	FLAT	32	14/10/2009	B
Highmead SE18 2DH	3	PARTICULAR HSE	56	07/06/2006	B
The Oaks Burrage Road SE18 7JR	2	FLAT	147	10/02/2007	C
Bexley Road SE9 2JA	2	FLAT	12	16/01/2009	B
Davern Close SE10 0HP	1	FLAT	55	18/06/2006	B
Brisel Road SE9 6HN	3	HOUSE	68	17/03/2003	A
Sowerby Close SE9 6HB	1	FLAT	196	12/03/2006	C
Lord Warwick Street SE18 5QB	0	FLAT	100	14/09/2005	C
Eynsham Drive SE2 9PT	0	FLAT	75	13/03/2007	C
Baldrey House Blackwall Lane SE10 0EY	2	FLAT	204	08/02/2001	C
Byron Terrace Rectory Field Crescent SE7 7FB	3	HOUSE	40	12/05/2009	B
Byron Terrace Rectory Field Crescent SE7 7FB	3	HOUSE	409	10/01/2004	C
Byron Terrace Rectory Field Crescent SE7 7FB	2	HOUSE	339	01/08/2005	C
Byron Terrace Rectory Field Crescent SE7 7FB	2	HOUSE	42	19/09/2005	A
Byron Terrace Rectory Field Crescent	2	HOUSE	278	13/03/2006	C
Byron Terrace Rectory Field Crescent SE7 7FB	2	HOUSE	33	24/02/2003	A
Byron Terrace Rectory Field Crescent SE7 7FB	3	HOUSE	27	02/04/2009	B
Byron Terrace Rectory Field Crescent SE7 7FB	3	HOUSE	15	18/04/2006	B
Byron Terrace Rectory Field Crescent SE7 7FB	3	HOUSE	362	13/12/2002	C
Byron Terrace Rectory Field Crescent SE7 7FB	2	HOUSE	285	31/05/2006	C
Byron Terrace Rectory Field Crescent SE7 7FB	3	HOUSE		No Eligible Bids	
Aylton Estate Renforth Street SE16 7JL	3	MAISONETTE	85	04/06/2007	C
Manning Court Tillem Avenue SE28 8BJ	2	FLAT	87	19/09/2007	C
Raymond Postgate Court Tawney Road SE28 8DS	2	FLAT	77	03/01/2006	C
Pellipar Gardens SE18 5EG	1	FLAT	26	23/01/2009	B
Fairlawn Court Fairlawn SE7 7DS	2	FLAT	187	11/04/2005	C

Please ensure that you only bid for properties that you are genuinely interested in.

If your bid is successful and you then fail to attend the arranged viewing your priority could be removed or your application suspended.

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

Borough
BRIEFS**Bank rep at
business bash**

BUSINESS owners can meet other entrepreneurs at a networking lunch of the South London Chamber of Commerce next week. There'll also be a guest speaker from the Bank of England as well as presentations by local businesses.

The lunch on Wednesday, January 13 takes place at the Peninsula Chinese restaurant, Bugsby's Way, Greenwich, SE10 0GD. Presentations run from 11.15am-12.30 followed by lunch from 12.30-2.30pm.

For further information and bookings call 208 317 3365, email office@selondonchamber.org or visit www.selondonchamber.org

**TED TRUSTED
FOR LIFE**

TED 'Mr Thamesmead' Claridge has been made Life President of Trust Thamesmead. Mr Claridge, just turned 85, has worked tirelessly for the local community since moving from the East End of London

in 1976. He has raised thousands of pounds for young people's charities and was instrumental in improving leisure facilities, including Thamesmere Leisure Centre, Greenwich. He is also a Freeman of Greenwich.

**Loos are
winners at
the golden
arches**

STAFF at McDonald's in Woolwich are celebrating after cleaning up at the prestigious annual Loo of the Year Awards. The restaurant in Powis Street scooped the UK Overall Winners Trophy in the 22nd year of the competition widely regarded as the Oscars of the public convenience world.

The awards have been identifying the best toilets in Britain since 1987, setting the standard for all those who provide 'away from home' facilities for staff and customers.

Following nomination, entrants are judged by an independent Loo of the Year Wards inspector.

Entrants were judged on a range of criteria, including signage, décor, fixtures and fittings, air quality as well as overall standards of cleanliness and management.

The Woolwich burger bar was awarded top marks with a FIVE star status. Taimoor Sheikh, who owns and operates the restaurant said: "We prioritise making every aspect of a visit to McDonald's of the highest possible standard. We believe that everyone deserves clean, safe and well-appointed toilet facilities. We ensure that these high standards are across the board, catering for everyone including disabled visitors and parents with small children."

IT'S triangle-shaped on the map, but it's also a community with a heart of gold. GT was invited to visit The Ashburnham Triangle, Greenwich, which ended 2009 with a Christmas carol party for everyone, and plenty to celebrate - as well as lots of plans, and a few challenges, which will need lots of concerted action in the New Year...



GROWING TOGETHER: The garden at Ashburnham Residential Home is taking shape, while, below, there are new plans for the planters in The Retreat

**Triangle is
taking sides**

by Pat Greenwood

THE Ashburnham Triangle Association (ATA) is starting 2010 with lots of plans and a few challenges.

The Triangle is formed roughly by Greenwich High Road, Greenwich South Street and Blackheath Hill.

GT went on a walkabout with local historian Diana Rimel who has recently produced a second, revised profile of the area. The new illustrated book, sponsored by the ATA, takes readers on a tour of many of the different buildings, and also profiles some of the inhabitants down the ages.

ATA's gardening project at the 11-place Ashburnham Residential Home for people with learning disabilities was set up in 2008 after near-neighbours Audrey Ringrose and Sara Emanuel went over and made contact.

Since then, Sara has organised the monthly working parties. The patio is filled with flowers and sensory plants, and there is a thriving vegetable patch.

Audrey, who remembers when the land there was a wooded bomb-site for local children to play in, told us: "Now another



member, Eileen, has drawn up a plan to create paths, new planting round the tree, and climbing plants against the bare wall."

Meanwhile, ATA member Ann Williams wants to enhance the two planters at either end of Ashburnham Retreat - the little road by the Ashburnham Arms - and turn them into mini butterfly gardens.

Round the corner on the main road is what claims to be the oldest foundation in the whole Triangle.

The 40-strong Queen

Elizabeth's Cottages are beautiful almshouses, originally established in 1574. The Drapers Company administer the almshouses' Trust, and present occupants of the cottages and the adjacent flats - backed by the ATA - are facing continuing worries and uncertainties in 2010 as their landlords deliberate over their future.

They're also supporting the young parents and children who regularly use "Greenwich Connections" at St Mark's Community Centre at 22 Greenwich South Street. The project is desperately trying to raise a "core" fund of at least £12,000 to keep the various projects running after March 31. Otherwise it faces closure.

● **FIND out more by visiting** www.ashburnhamtriangleassociation.co.uk. Copies of the revised history of The Ashburnham Triangle are available from the Ashburnham Arms, price £5, or by emailing richardcheffins@aol.com, 19 Ashburnham Place, London SE10 8TZ (postage extra)



SCENE

Film

**It's coming
Holmes:
Sherlock**

- P24



TV

**Simon Cowell's
latest venture
revealed**

- P24



Is the old Jack a has-bean?

A giant caper is back, but the classic pantomime is given a makeover that looks set to banish the evil deeds of pantos past

JUST when you thought pantomime season was behind you, the predictable cry of

'Oh no it's not' comes hither from the bony carcass of many a listings page.

But hark ye this, for one more little gem must be unearthed before we bid farewell to the over friendly relatives, toss out the tree and finally discard the rancid cooking liquor that had been charitably titled, 'turkey soup'. Or Nigel, depending on how long it had been there. Just like the stalk at the story's root, **Jack and the Beanstalk** has grown into one of the most popular pantos of all time - and a new version is laid on by the New Eltham Methodist Church on **January 9, 15 and 16**.

But what a tall tale it is - surely our streetwise youngsters wouldn't be taken in by such a brazen ploy today: One bean for a whole cow? A PSP and a Wii might be a fairer swap... In fact, Jack's beanstalk is an apt tale for the barren month of January, and there are many modern parallels: Jack goes off to market: (*The January sales*); He exchanges something of value for



A GIANT UNDERTAKING: Players from the New Eltham Methodist Church panto rehearse

...Jack's beanstalk is an apt tale for the barren month of January, and there are many modern parallels...

something pathetic and worthless: (*Your money in exchange for a cheap sofa*); Jack retreats into a fairytale world, climbing the beanstalk and killing a giant: (*You*

quaff the last of the Christmas booze, lapse into a telly coma and kill time before climbing the stairs.) And that's after he discovers that the sorry legume has grown into something fantastical before the story's ultimately moral finale...

OK, so that's where the similarities end - but that sofa really is terrible and does belong in Cloud Cuckoo Land. While I digress somewhat, there is a point to all this, for the pantomime on at the church's next door centre on Footscray Road, is indeed a reworking for the modern age. Gone are the giant-slaying greed-deeds of the panto's old Jack - in his place a more

wholesome type of hero. Singer in the performance's 30-strong chorus, Geraldine Helps told *Scene*: "We felt the original was a bit cruel. So in our version, the old Jack is the villain of the piece while the new Jack goes up the beanstalk to right the wrongs committed by his predecessor."

The panto has also been rebranded, **Jack: Back On The Beanstalk**, in keeping with its new story, and is the Methodist church's sequel to the faithful original it staged last year. Set one hundred years later, the only person from the village St. Ivel who has gained from the events of a century earlier is the nasty landlord Baron Wasteland, and Jack pledges to return the stolen property to the people who live in Cloud Cuckoo Land.

"It was written by one of the church members," Geraldine added. "It's Jack MkII - an up to date reworking." But worry ye not trad-panto fans - the crafty writer has incorporated all your favourite characters too, and all the fe-fi-fu-fumming you could wish for: There's the endearingly funny but penniless widow; the lovable old cow; magic beans with the growth formula that Alan Titchmarsh would give his right trowel for, and of course, our hero who is dead set on bringing health, wealth and happiness back to the village. Will Jack succeed, or succumb to need, greed, and that infernal weed?

Rod Kitson

Jack: Back on the Beanstalk is on at The Centre 435-9 Footscray Road, New Eltham January 9 at 2.30pm/6.30pm, Jan 15, 7.30pm, Jan 16, 2.30pm/7.30pm. Tickets £7/£5.50 groups. Box Office 020 8851 9881 or via www.newelthampantomime.co.uk

Live music released

One life: One World: CD 1



AN album of live highlights from a Greenwich music club has been unleashed on the public.

Live At The One World Club is the first compilation in what is hoped to be a series of recorded performances from the club which is held every Thursday. Most of the participants are acoustic guitarist singer-songwriters, and the CD was unveiled at the Mitre pub on Greenwich High Road on December 17, where the weekly event is held.

One World Club organiser and founder Jon Skinner told *Scene*: "The album is made up of 15 performances by artists at the club - which have been recorded over the last six months."

"It's not just a 'live recording' - it has been mastered to get the best quality sound from the songs."

The CD costs £5 and all proceeds go right back into the club that spawned it.

Jon said: "We don't make any money out of the night - it's done purely as a voluntary exercise. We have built up 10-12 people who are volunteers, the money raised will go into improving the audio and recording equipment for the next CD."

The club has been a roaring success for over 12 months, surviving the credit crunch, the snowstorms earlier in the year and has built a strong band of supporters.

"My goal is to provide an opportunity for singers to record their music to CD which will act as a showcase for their talents," the organiser said. Pulling in between 50 and 80 punters a week, the atmosphere is electric, but Jon admitted the club could still squeeze a few more in.

"We are looking to attract the man off the street, passers-by," he said, "and we haven't yet cracked the publicity to colleges and universities. We would like as many young performers as possible."

And anything goes at the shindig, acoustic guitars, bards and even dancers.

"There are occasionally poets who perform - a lot of entertainers, we haven't had so many dancers lately, so we're looking for more Laban students to get involved."

CDs are available at the club on Thursdays - which runs from 7.30 to 11.30pm - and there are plans to get them into local retail outlets too.

"We are hoping to get it into some of the music shops around Greenwich," Jon said.

One World Club is every Thursday at the Mitre, Greenwich High Road. If you would like to perform or to get hold of the CD, simply turn up on the night, email Jon at jonskinner@talk21.com or go to the website www.oneworldclub.com.



For news of the latest events in the borough sign up for free e-alerts at www.greenwich.gov.uk/ealerts

TV WEEK

Highlights of the week



BBC One
Silent Witness,
Thursday, 7th 9pm

New series. Part one of two. After an insurance investigator dies from suspected cyanide poisoning, his work replacement causes problems for Leo when she accuses him of fraud.



BBC Two
Heroes,
Saturday, 9th 10.10pm

New series. Double bill. Angela tries to restart the Company, but the former members are intent on living normal lives. Hiro and Ando set up a 'Dial a Hero' firm in Japan.



ITV1
Lion Country,
Wednesday, 6th 7.30pm

New series. Following David Youldon and his colleagues at the African Lion & Environmental Research Trust in Zimbabwe as they work to halt the declining population of the animals.

	Tuesday, 5th January	Wednesday, 6th January	Thursday, 7th January	Friday, 8th January
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BBC Two	6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.10 The Flintstones. 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 Working Lunch. 1.00 Darts: BDO World Championships. 3.45 Flog It! Ten of the Best. 4.30 Ready Steady Cook. 5.15 Escape to the Country. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. Michael Portillo learns more about railway enthusiast George Bradshaw.	6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.05 The Flintstones. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 See Hear. 1.30 Working Lunch. 2.00 Darts: BDO World Championships. 3.45 Flog It! Ten of the Best. 4.30 Ready Steady Cook. 5.15 Escape to the Country. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. Michael Portillo goes bird-watching on Flamborough Head.	6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.10 The Flintstones. 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 Working Lunch. 1.00 Darts: BDO World Championships. 3.45 Flog It! Ten of the Best. 4.30 Ready Steady Cook. 5.15 Escape to the Country. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. Michael Portillo visits Pontefract, Hull and Bridlington.	6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.10 The Flintstones. 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 Working Lunch. 1.00 Darts: BDO World Championships. 3.45 Flog It! Ten of the Best. 4.30 Ready Steady Cook. 5.15 Escape to the Country. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. Michael Portillo goes bird-watching on Flamborough Head.
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Channel 4	6.00 The Hoobs. 6.25 Yo Gabba Gabba. 6.55 Big Brother's Little Brother. 7.20 Celebrity Big Brother. 8.30 The Hollyoaks Music Show. 9.00 Frasier. 9.30 Will & Grace. 10.00 According to Jim. 10.30 Friends. 11.30 The Big Bang Theory. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 A Place in the Sun: Down Under. 1.05 The Kitchen Pharmacy. 1.20 FILM: Vice Versa (1988) 1.30 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. 4.10 Deal or No Deal.	6.00 The Hoobs. 6.25 Yo Gabba Gabba. 6.55 Big Brother's Little Brother. 7.20 Celebrity Big Brother. 8.30 The Hollyoaks Music Show. 9.00 Frasier. 9.30 Will & Grace. 10.00 According to Jim. 10.25 Friends. 11.30 The Big Bang Theory. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 A Place in the Sun: Down Under. 1.05 FILM: Timeline (2003) 1.30 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. 4.10 Deal or No Deal.	6.00 The Hoobs. 6.25 Yo Gabba Gabba. 6.55 Big Brother's Little Brother. 7.20 Celebrity Big Brother. 8.30 The Hollyoaks Music Show. 9.00 Frasier. 9.30 Will & Grace. 10.00 According to Jim. 10.25 Friends. 11.30 The Big Bang Theory. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. 1.05 Rescue Remedies. 1.15 FILM: King Solomon's Mines (1985) 1.30 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. 4.10 Deal or No Deal.	6.00 The Hoobs. 6.25 Yo Gabba Gabba. 6.55 Big Brother's Little Brother. 7.20 Celebrity Big Brother. 8.30 The Hollyoaks Music Show. 9.00 Frasier. 9.30 Will & Grace. 10.00 According to Jim. 10.25 Friends. 11.30 The Big Bang Theory. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. 1.05 Rescue Remedies. 1.15 FILM: King Solomon's Mines (1985) 1.30 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. 4.10 Deal or No Deal.
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Channel 4
My Big Fat Diet Show,
Tuesday, 5th 8pm

New series. Women hoping to lose weight join Anna Richardson in a campaign encouraging viewers to start the new year by embarking on simple, no-frills diets.

Five
Paul Merton in Europe,
Monday, 11th 9pm

New series. The comedian embarks on a tour of the continent, beginning in Berlin, where he meets the leader of political movement the Apple Front.

Film of the Week
The Simpsons Movie,
Saturday, 9th 7.15pm

Springfield faces destruction after Homer provokes the wrath of the government. Animated comedy, with the voices of Dan Castellaneta and Julie Kavner.

Digital & Cable

Tuesday

Stargate Universe,
Sky1, 8pm
Part one of three. Sci-fi drama, starring Robert Carlyle as Dr Nicholas Rush, a brilliant but temperamental scientist who is part of a group of soldiers, scientists and civilians forced to flee through a stargate when their military base comes under attack. Justin Louis and Lou Diamond Phillips also star.



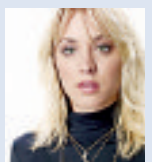
Wednesday

CSI: Crime Scene Investigation,
Living, 10pm
The team investigates the case of an elderly cancer patient who died after falling through a window and discover a neighbour was buying drugs for her. Meanwhile, Greg faces prison when the inquest into Demetrius James's death hears he was drinking before their fight.



Thursday

The Big Bang Theory,
E4, 9pm
Raj accepts Sheldon's offer to work for him when he is faced with being sent back to India, and Howard starts spending more time with Leonard and Penny when they would rather be alone. Johnny Galecki, Kunal Nayyar, Simon Helberg, Kaley Cuoco and Jim Parsons star.



Friday

2 Fast 2 Furious,
ITV2, 9pm
A disgraced cop is offered the chance to redeem himself by going undercover to snare the head of a massive drug-trafficking operation. Thriller sequel, with Paul Walker reprising his role from the first film alongside Tyrese Gibson, Eva Mendes and Cole Hauser.



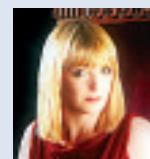
Saturday

Futurama,
Sky1, 7pm
Bender flushes Nibbler down the toilet in a jealous rage, leaving the rest of the gang to trawl the sewer system in search of him. As punishment, Professor Farnsworth fits the robot with an empathy chip which forces him to experience the same emotions as Leela.



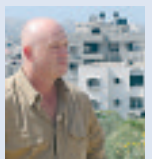
Sunday

Most Haunted Live: The Silent Town,
Living, 9pm
A team of paranormal investigators report live as they search for evidence of supernatural goings-on at an abandoned RAF base in Norfolk, where locals have reported sightings of ghost planes.



Monday

Ross Kemp Middle East: Israel,
Sky1, 10pm
Conclusion. The former EastEnders actor examines the delicate political situation in the Middle East, which has had leading politicians scratching their heads for decades. With extensive access to both sides of the conflict, the documentary-maker tries to add context to the often misunderstood dispute.



Saturday, 9th January	Sunday, 10th January	Monday, 11th January
6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen. 11.35 Rachel Allen: Home Cooking. 12.00 BBC News and Weather. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 Live Athletics: The Great Edinburgh International Cross-Country race. 2.30 Live Darts: BDO World Championships. The first semi-final at the Lakeside Country Club. 4.30 Final Score. 5.20 BBC News and Weather. 5.40 Hole in the Wall.	6.00 Breakfast. 7.35 Match of the Day. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Country Tracks. 12.00 BBC News. 12.05 Cash in the Attic. 1.05 'Allo 'Allo! 1.40 Murder, She Wrote. 2.30 EastEnders. 2.45 Seaside Rescue. 4.55 Songs of Praise. 5.30 BBC News and Weather. 6.00 Countryfile. Favourite locations from the series so far. 1.10 BBC News.	6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Heir Hunters. 10.00 Wanted Under Order. 11.00 Britain's Empty Homes. 11.30 Cash in the Attic. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Murder, She Wrote. 3.00 BBC News. 3.05 CBeebies. 3.30 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News. 6.30 Regional News.
6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.00 Greek. 12.40 The Season. 1.10 The 5:19 Show. 1.30 The Cut. 1.55 The Sky at Night. 2.15 Animal Park. 2.45 ❄️ FILM: The Wrong Man (1956) Fact-based Alfred Hitchcock drama, with Henry Fonda. 4.30 Live Darts: BDO World Championships. The second semi-final at the Lakeside Country Club.	6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 10.00 Something for the Weekend. 11.30 ❄️ FILM: Triple Cross (1966) World War Two spy adventure, with Christopher Plummer. 1.30 Live Snooker: The Masters. Mark Selby v Ding Junhui and Marco Fu v Peter Ebdon. 5.00 Ski Sunday. 5.45 Live Darts: BDO World Championships. The final at the Lakeside Country Club.	6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 The Best of Top Gear. New series. Compilation of highlights from the past year. 9.30 Conspiracy Files: The Search for Bin Laden. The hunt for the terrorist suspect. 10.30 Match of the Day 2. Including action from Liverpool v Tottenham Hotspur. 11.20 Argumental. With guests Will Smith and Dara O Briain. 1.45 Last in the series. 11.50 Snooker: The Masters. 12.40 Snooker Extra. 2.40 BBC News. 3.45 Close.
6.00 GMTV. 9.25 The Planet's Funniest Animals. 9.45 ❄️ FILM: The NeverEnding Story (1984) 11.35 Torvill and Dean's Dancing on Ice: The Bolero Tour Live. 12.35 News; Weather. 12.40 ❄️ FILM: Kicking and Screaming (2005) Comedy, with Will Ferrell. 2.25 ❄️ FILM: Catwoman (2004) Superhero adventure, starring Halle Berry. 4.20 London Tonight. 4.35 ITV News; Weather.	6.00 GMTV. 9.25 Coronation Street. 11.40 News; Weather. 11.45 Kojak. 2.30 ❄️ FILM: Columbo: Murder by the Book (1971) 4.00 Rosemary & Thyme. 5.35 Creature Comforts. 5.45 London Tonight. 6.00 ITV News; Weather. 6.15 Harry Hill's the Best of TV Burp. 6.45 Dancing on Ice. New series. Emma Bunton joins the judging panel as 14 celebrities enter the contest.	6.00 GMTV. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 London News. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 4.00 A Touch of Frost. 5.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 6.00 London Tonight. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerrdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Lakes.
6.10 The Hoobs. 6.35 Yo Gabba Gabba. 7.00 Freesports on 4. 7.30 World Sport. 8.00 The Morning Line. 8.55 Friends. 10.05 14 Stars of 2009: Rising Stars of 2010. 10.40 90210. 11.40 Sugababes: Video Exclusive. 11.45 Celebrity Big Brother. 1.25 Scrubs. 1.55 Channel 4 Racing from Wincanton and Ffos Las. Including the 2.55 SIS Live Welsh Champion Hurdle (2m). 4.10 Come Dine with Me. 6.45 Channel 4 News.	7.15 ❄️ FILM: The Simpsons Movie (2007) Animated comedy, with the voice of Dan Castellaneta. 9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. Highlights of the past 24 hours in the house. 10.00 ❄️ FILM: Hostage (2005) Thriller, starring Bruce Willis and Kevin Pollak. 12.10 Big Brother's Big Mouth. 1.10 Celebrity Big Brother: Live. 3.50 Scrapheap Challenge. 4.45 The World's Greatest Musical Prodigies. 5.40 The Hoobs.	6.15 The Hoobs. 6.40 Big Brother's Little Brother. 7.35 Celebrity Big Brother. 8.30 Frasier. 9.00 Will & Grace. 9.25 Wogan's Perfect Recall. 9.55 Deal or No Deal. 10.40 According to Jim. 11.05 ER. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 3 Minute Wonder. 12.10 Back to You. 12.35 The Ritz: Checking into History. 1.00 ❄️ FILM: Pony Express (1993). 2.50 How Clean Is Your House? 3.25 Countdown.
6.00 Sunrise. 7.00 Milkshake! 10.00 NFL UK. 11.10 ❄️ FILM: Lost Horizon (1973) Musical fantasy remake, starring Peter Finch. 1.50 ❄️ FILM: Coroner Creek (1948) Western, starring Randolph Scott. 3.35 Five News. 4.40 ❄️ FILM: Beyond the Poseidon Adventure (1979) Disaster movie sequel, starring Michael Caine and Telly Savalas.	6.00 Sunrise. 7.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Shakes! 11.10 Ice Road Truckers. 1.10 Animal Rescue Squad. 1.40 ❄️ FILM: The Mouse that Roared (1959) Comedy, starring Peter Sellers. 3.20 ❄️ FILM: Ivanhoe (1952) Medieval adventure, starring Robert Taylor. 5.20 Five News. 5.30 ❄️ FILM: Are We There Yet? (2005) Family comedy, starring Ice Cube, Jay Mohr and Nia Long.	7.25 ❄️ FILM: Jackie Chan's Who Am I? (1998) Action thriller, starring Jackie Chan. 9.30 ❄️ FILM: Rush Hour (1998) Comedy adventure, with Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker. 11.35 ❄️ FILM: Starship Troopers 2: Hero of the Federation (2004) Sci-fi sequel, starring Bill Brown. 1.15 SuperCasino. 5.20 Five News. 5.30 ❄️ FILM: Are We There Yet? (2005) Family comedy, starring Ice Cube, Jay Mohr and Nia Long.
6.00 Home and Away. 6.25 Live from Studio Five. 7.30 How Do They Do It? 8.00 Police Interceptors. Four police cars pursue a vehicle speeding down the M25. 9.00 Paul Merton in Europe. 10.00 ❄️ FILM: Traffic (2000) Crime drama, starring Michael Douglas and Benicio Del Toro. 12.50 SuperCasino. 4.00 The FBI Files. 4.55 Rough Guide to Adventures. 5.10 Neighbours. 5.35 Home and Away.		

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FINAL SCENE

Sequins and outs

Retail therapy the way to lift you out of the January doldrums



OK, so January may not be everyone's favourite month, but retail therapy is a sure-fire way of lifting yourself out of the doldrums, and there are some great bargains around. Sprucing up your wardrobe is also an affordable way of getting up to date, so here are *Final Scene's* top tips for looking good locally in 2010. **Embellishment: Sequins.** Love them or hate them, sequins are here to stay in 2010. Think sequin miniskirts, blazers and dresses for that ultra-glam evening look. How to wear in 2010: Toughen up your sequins through eclectic style and layering. Create a quirky and eclectic look by combining formal with the casual - for instance, team your sequin dress with a casual blazer, black tights and ankle boots for a more rough and ready vibe. Or layer your sequins by teaming sparkly skirts with graphic print t-shirts and boyfriend cardigans. Throw on a thick knit scarf

and leather jacket to complete the look.

Sales: We love this t-shirt style sequin dress from Miss Selfridge at Outfit, which is over half price this Jan.

Team with some cool ankle boots, black opaque tights and a leather jacket or blazer.

Key piece: Blazers.

Thankfully, the blazer will remain any girl's staple wardrobe item at the beginning of the new decade. Wear with jeans, skirts or dresses, casually, glam or to work...the blazer serves many a fashion scenario. If you don't already own one, then it's time you hit the January sales.

How to wear in 2010: The blazer will never really go out of fashion, but there are some easy ways to bring it bang up-to-date. Nude and pastel colours are going to be huge this Spring, so if you spot grey, white, beige or



pastel-coloured blazers in the sale, then it's worth snapping them up now! And don't forget about checks, tweeds and tartans, these patterns and materials are super stylish, and blazers like this are a timeless look.

Sales: Boyfriend style blazer? Check. Checked pattern? Yes. Double-breasted? Of course.

This blazer from River Island combines three trends in one, and this one is a real bargain. **Shoes: Studded.** And, finally, the shoes of 2010. Christian Louboutin introduced us to the studded stiletto at the beginning of 2009, and since then, the high street and ladies everywhere have gone mad for this style. Whether you like pumps, stilettos, platforms or boots, if they're embellished...they will be hot in 2010.

How to wear in 2010: Think ankle boots and bright colours. Ankle boots are the trendiest shoes around, as they look great with skinny jeans and add a quirky edge to dresses, while bright, statement coloured shoes update any plain and simple outfit.

If you spot studded, brightly coloured ankle boots in the sale, then you're on to a winner. **Sales:** Dorothy Perkins at Outfit has some gorgeous brightly coloured ankle boots, and these red ones have been reduced from £40 to £30. Why not customise them by adding studs yourself?

New Look, H&M, Next, River Island, Clarks and Outfit are at Greenwich Shopping Park, Bugsby's Way, Charlton.



Downey an ideal Holmes



IT'S hard to believe, but there are more films about Sherlock Holmes than any other fictional character. So common are these films that there are few actors who don't know who the 'The Great Detective' is. Sherlock Holmes is a fantastic character and there is no doubt that they will always make new films about him. Holmes is the latest, starring Robert Downey Jr and local lad Jude Law as a tough as old boots Dr Watson. The film has already raised eyebrows across the Atlantic because of the action and violence of the film and the murky evil of dear old London in its portrayal. The truth of course is that the character's creator, Arthur Conan Doyle always claimed in the books that Sherlock was a fighter - as was the ex-soldier Dr Watson - so director Guy Richie may be giving us a truer Holmes than we have

ever known before. It is not only Downey Jr and Law who are stars in Holmes. London is the other great character in this gorgeous film as are a polyglot of English accents from a director who has been inordinately brave in making so few concessions to the American

critics who claim not to understand these authentic dialects. Like Harry Brown, I rejoice to see such a brilliantly home-grown product. OK, so Downey Jr may not be from this side of the pond, but the stiff upper lip to his accent is so good that he might as well be. Add to

that a plethora of special effects that you thought would never work for the moribund detective - but do - and Holmes is a visually stunning and worthy addition to an already well-stocked canon of Sherlockian adventures.

Martin McHugh

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HOLMES FROM HOLMES: Robert Downey Jr as Sherlock toughs it out with some rotters

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Simon's next show

Cowell's got PolitiX-Factor



ANOTHER series of The X-Factor has drawn to a merciful close. ITV bagged viewing figures of nearly

twenty million for the live final - a record high, and the series as a whole was the most watched since its inception in 2004.

Despite accusations of fixing amongst the judges, and unprecedented criticism of the quality of the contestants this series - see Jedward - it seems the public still can't get enough of the show.

Love it or hate it, the X-Factor has been a modern cultural phenomenon and a further illustration, if any were needed, that the Simon Cowell machine is still in full effect. Indeed, the grand final was followed by another ITV viewing delicacy, The Susan Boyle Story - or SuBo as she's known to the Red-Tops and Facebook fanatics - which charted the visceral rise of the Scottish warbler who shot to fame on the back of another of Cowell's self-propagating vehicles, and oddity showcase, Britain's Got Talent. Amongst the inevitable tear soaked commiserations for the losing finalist was the more unnerving news that the high-trousered mogul has plans to adapt the show into a political format. In a Kirsty Wark interview on BBC2's Newsnight, Cowell disclosed his vision for the venture which will take the form of a live public debate on the hot issues of the day. It would not, he declared, be a means for the public to vote in an MP, as that, "wouldn't work". Hang on a minute Simon, don't we call that "an election"? Worrying news indeed then, from a man who has built an empire on reducing music to its most crass form, but in reality, an idea that may be the only way to engage the masses in a political debate that has drifted ever further from the popular conscience.

And while it's easy to cast Cowell as an arrogant ego-maniac, the self-assurance of the man is astounding and must be acknowledged, if not applauded. In the same interview he added that the format for this "political X-Factor" would consist of a panel of experts - Jeremy Clarkson, perhaps, or even the Loose Women - discussing the issue du jour with a direct studio link to 10 Downing Street via a "red telephone". Through the phone the results of a live public vote would be transmitted to the Prime Minister for the quantifiable and quick response that today's audience apparently finds so necessary. And the fact that the TV star believes this would be a valuable socio-political tool illustrates a man without any doubt in his own vision.

In his defence - and in the face of the fierce criticism he regularly receives - Cowell has always claimed that he is only giving the public what it wants, and the singing contest's twenty million viewers would seem to support that statement. Whatever your thoughts may be on Simon Cowell and The X-Factor phenomena, one thing is for certain - he's not done with us yet.

Andy Nisbet



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21 MANOR WAY, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 9EF
Development: Demolition of existing building and construction of a two storey 5-bed house.
Drawing Numbers: 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 101, Design & Access Statement and site location plan.
Library: Eltham Library, 2 Archery Road SE9 1HA.
Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH PARK.

Applicant: Mr S Frost **09/2671/F**
LAND TO THE REAR OF 33 KIDBROOKE GROVE, BLACKHEATH, SE3 0LE
Development: Demolition of existing garage and erection of a two storey 3-bed house with basement.
Drawing Numbers: L-00, L-00S, L-00-E, L-00-F, LE-00S, L-00-ES, L-00-E2, L-00-E3, L-00-E6, L-00B, L-00-G, LP 001, L-00L, L-00-S1, L-00-S2, LX-003, L-004, site plan, Tree Survey, Design & Access Statement, existing images, shadow projections and proposed materials.
Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road SE3 7BT.
Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH.

Applicant: Mr S Frost **09/2674/F**
GREEN ROOF COTTAGE, HEATHWAY, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7AN
Development: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2 x part 2/part 2½ storey 3-bed dwellings with basements and parking space per dwelling and associated new landscaping works. (Resubmission).
Drawing Numbers: 08-0x-Lp-00S (site plan), Lp-00S1, Lp-00L, L-001, L-002, L-003, L-004, L-005, L-006, L-001, Lp-08G, Lp-012, 08-0x-Lp-00S and Design Statement including existing drawings.
Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road SE3 7BT.
Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH.

Applicant: Mr M Thomas Vanbrugh Community Association **09/2689/F**
MYCENAE HOUSE, 90 MYCENAE ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7SE
Development: Installation of ramped access with handrail to front entrance and rear exit to facilitate disabled access.
Drawing Numbers: 406/PA/PA050, 061, 062, 063, 064, 065, 066, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, Design & Access Statement and site plan.
Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road SE3 7BT.
Conservation Area: WESTCOMBE PARK.

Applicant: Mr John Bevan **09/2721/F**
27 MANOR WAY, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 9EF
Development: Alterations to existing garage comprising raised walk, pitched roof and installation of front and rear doors.
Drawing Numbers: 27MAN/01, 27MAN/02, 27MAN/03, 27MAN/04, 27MAN/05, 27MAN/06, 27MAN/07, Site location plan, Brief Doc. 001, Photo Sheets 1 & 2.
Library: Eltham Library, 2 Archery Road SE9 1HA.
Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH PARK.

Publicity for Listed Building Consent

Applicant: Mr John Bridger London Fire Brigade (Property Dept.) **09/2739/L**
LEE GREEN FIRE STATION, 9 ELTHAM ROAD, LEE, SE12 8ES
Development: Installation of front bay doors.
Drawing Numbers: UGR PA, 1109 Rev PA, 1209 Rev B, UGR002, Allocated Drawing No.1, 2, Illustration, Design & Access Statement and site plan.
Library: Eltham Library, 2 Archery Road SE9 1HA.
Conservation Area: Listed Building: Grade 2.

Publicity for Conservation Area Consent

Applicant: Mr Malcolm Boshier **09/2673/C**
21 MANOR WAY, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 9EF
Development: Demolition of existing building and construction of a two storey 5-bed house.
Drawing Numbers: 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, Design & Access Statement and site location plan.
Library: Eltham Library, 2 Archery Road SE9 1HA.
Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH PARK.

Applicant: Mr S Frost **09/2743/C**
GREEN ROOF COTTAGE, HEATHWAY, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7AN
Development: Demolition of existing dwelling (resubmission).
Drawing Numbers: 08-0x-Lp-00S (site plan), Lp-00S1, Lp-00L, L-001, L-002, L-003, L-004, L-005, L-006, L-001, Lp-08G, Lp-012, 08-0x-Lp-00S and Design Statement including existing drawings.
Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road SE3 7BT.
Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH.

Publicity For Press Advertisements

Applicant: Mrs S Okoroafor **09/1762/A**
170-172 POWIS STREET, WOOLWICH, LONDON, SE18 6NL
Development: Installation of one non-illuminated fascia sign and one non-illuminated projecting sign.
Drawing Numbers: A-006, Photo Sheets 1, 2, 3 and Site location plan.
Library: Woolwich Library, Calderwood Street SE18 6QZ.

Greenwich Council



YOU GOTTA GAV IT TO THEM: community accountant Yaw Brobhey presents a certificate at the end of one of this year's accountancy training sessions

Help for those who help others

Training support for volunteers

FREE or low cost training is available to volunteers to help them champion support groups and causes across the borough.

The new courses starting this month are being run by GAVS - Greenwich Action for Voluntary Service. The service, which launched a year ago, is part funded by Greenwich Council and supports voluntary, community and faith groups.

The new tailored training programme offers courses in subjects such as fundraising, planning, legal compliance and accountancy. They're

designed to give staff, trustees and volunteers the knowledge, skills and tools they need to run and promote their groups and are available to organisations at different stages of development.

It means new organisations can get the help and information they need to kick-start their work through GAVS' start-up courses, while established groups can fine-tune their structure and learn how to boost their funding.

"The training should help to relieve those sleepless nights for organisations' trustees, knowing that volunteers

or staff are well trained and equipped for the tasks they are being asked to do," said GAVS' Chair of Trustees Martyn Coe.

He added: "GAVS has the staff and funding to offer the training either free or very much below the rate groups would pay to private providers."

● **GAVS' new training programme starts this month.** Interested groups can either book places online on the GAVS website at www.greenwich-cvs.org.uk or request a training brochure and booking form by calling 020 8858 1363 or emailing email@gavs.biz

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Champions are making a difference.

Volunteers from Greenwich Community College in Plumstead Road, Woolwich, have teamed up with a special project created by the environmental group Thames21 to provide volunteering opportunities each week as part of the college's student enrichment course.

The volunteers, who made a start last month in Thamesmead, are helping to spruce up waterside locations in the area each Wednesday morning. They are removing litter and clearing undergrowth to create more attractive open spaces and

encourage wildlife.

Young people throughout all of London's 32 boroughs are being trained and supported by Thames21 staff to become Waterway Champions and improve neglected urban waterways in their

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The project is funded by a national campaign called 'v' which aims to inspire half a million young people into volunteering. As part of that, the 'v' scheme wants to get over 2,500 of London's 16 to 25 year-olds helping to

clean up the capital's waterways by 2012.

Find out more by visiting www.waterwaychampions.org. You can also visit www.thames21.org.uk For more information about Greenwich Community College visit: www.gcc.ac.uk

Greenwich Council Revised Gambling Act Statement of Principles

The revised Greenwich Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 is published on the 24th December 2009 and comes into effect on 3rd January 2010.

The statement of principles can be viewed and downloaded from the Council's website at: www.greenwich.gov.uk/gambling or can be obtained by phoning 020 8921 8018 or by writing to Greenwich Licensing, Riverside House (West) Post Room, Woolwich SE18 6BU. A hard copy is available at the Woolwich lending library, Calderwood Street, Woolwich SE18 6QZ.

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The Greenwich (Prescribed Routes) (No. 143) Traffic Order 2010

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council on 4th January 2010 made the above-mentioned Order under sections 6 and 7 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended. The Order will come into force on 11th January 2010.
2. The general effect of the Order will be, at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by traffic signs, to:
 - (a) compel vehicles exiting either the MCP North Greenwich Station Car Park or the O₂ Arena Car Park 2 to turn left at their respective junctions with **Edmund Halley Way**; and
 - (b) prohibit vehicles from entering the gap in the central reservation in **Edmund Halley Way** that lie opposite the entrances/exits to the MCP North Greenwich Station Car Park and the O₂ Arena Car Park 2.
3. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 5580.
4. The Order and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Order was made at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Strategic Transportation, Greenwich Council, Crown Building, 48 Woolwich New Road, SE18 6HQ.
5. If any person wishes to question the validity of the Order or of any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any requirement of that Act or of any instrument made under that Act has not been complied with, that person may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply for the purpose to the High Court.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation
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Dated 5th January 2010
(INTERNAL REF: 1009NMP)



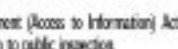
LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH

The Greenwich (Free Parking Places) (Disabled Persons) (Amendment No. *) Order 2010

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council proposes to make the above-mentioned Order under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.
2. The general effect of the Order would be to create disabled persons' parking places of 6 metres in length in which vehicles displaying a valid disabled person's "Blue Badge" may be left at any time, without charge and without time limit at the following locations:
 - (a) outside No. 34/36 **Altash Way**;
 - (b) outside No. 71 **Granby Road**; and
 - (c) outside No. 28 **Partridge Green**.
3. A copy of the proposed Order and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Order is made or, as the case may be, the Council decides not to make the Order, at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Strategic Transportation, Greenwich Council, Crown Building, 48 Woolwich New Road, SE18 6HQ.
4. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 5580.
5. Any person who wishes to object to or make other representations about the proposed Order should send a statement in writing, specifying the grounds on which any objection is made, to the Council's agents: Traffic Orders Team, Project Centre, 14b St Cross Street, London, EC1N 8BA (quoting reference POL/TMO/PS/1080), to arrive by 28th January 2010.
6. Persons objecting to the proposed Order should be aware that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, this Council would be legally obliged to make any comments received in response to this notice, open to public inspection.

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SE18 6HQ

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LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

GREEN WAY, FROISSART ROAD AND NEARBY ROADS - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES, BANNED TURNS, AND PROHIBITION ON PARKING, WAITING AND LOADING

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council intends to make an Order to facilitate gas main replacement works. The effect of the Order would be to temporarily:
 - (a) prohibit vehicles from entering or proceeding in **Eltham Hill**, **Froissart Road**, the east to west arm of **Green Way**, the north to south arm of **Green Way**, **Hainmo Road** and **Lionel Road**;
 - (b) prohibit parking, waiting or loading in **Horsfield Road**, **Keynsham Road**, **Mayerne Road** and **Prince John Road**;
 - (c) prohibit vehicles from making any turning movement at the following junctions:
 - (i) **Horsfield Road** at its junction with **Froissart Road**;
 - (ii) **Keynsham Road** at its junction with **Prince John Road**; and the roundabout situated at the junction of **Froissart Road**, **Lionel Road**, **Green Way**, **Mayerne Road** and **Keynsham Road**;
 - (iii) **Mayerne Road** at its junction with **Eltham Hill**; and the roundabout situated at the junction of **Froissart Road**, **Lionel Road**, **Green Way**, **Mayerne Road** and **Keynsham Road**; and
 - (iv) **Prince John Road** at its junction with **Eltham Hill**.
2. **NOTE:** the above restrictions would not be implemented concurrently and would only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs. Vehicular access to properties in the affected lengths of road would be maintained wherever possible subject to the extent and operations of the works.
3. Whilst the prohibitions remain in operation, displaced vehicular traffic would be diverted via local streets as appropriate and should follow local discretionary signing.
4. The Order would come into operation on 21st January 2010 and would continue in operation for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the works would take approximately two months to complete.
5. Queries concerning the works should be directed to Greenwich Council's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5580.

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LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
The Greenwich (Free Parking Places) (Disabled Persons) (Amendment No. *) Order 2010
The Greenwich (Abbey Wood) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. *) Order 2010

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council proposes to make the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.
2. The general effect of the Orders would be to:
 - (a) create disabled persons' parking places of 6 metres in length in which vehicles displaying a valid disabled person's "Blue Badge" may be left at any time, without charge and without time limit at the following locations:
 - (i) outside No. 41 **Boxgrove Road**;
 - (ii) outside No. 27 **Congress Road** and outside No. 42 **Congress Road** (6 metres of residents' business permit parking would be removed at each location);
 - (iii) parallel to the existing disabled persons' parking place outside Nos. 146/148 **Godstow Road**, at an angle of 90° to the southern kerb;
 - (iv) outside Nos. 49 to 51 **Ingledean Road**;
 - (v) outside No. 5 **Isla Road**;
 - (vi) outside No. 3 **Kashgar Road** and outside No. 36 **Kashgar Road**;
 - (vii) outside No. 65 **Riverdale Road**; and
 - (viii) outside No. 68 **St. Margaret's Terrace**; and
 - (b) amend a clerical error with regards to the designation of a disabled persons' parking place in **Sheikhah Street** (there would be no changes made on-street with regards to this parking place).
3. A copy of the proposed Orders and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Orders are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Orders are made or, as the case may be, the Council decides not to make the Orders, at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Strategic Transportation, Greenwich Council, Crown Building, 48 Woolwich New Road, SE18 6HQ.
4. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 6824.
5. Any person who wishes to object to or make other representations about the proposed Orders should send a statement in writing, specifying the grounds on which any objection is made, to the Council's agents: Traffic Orders Team, Project Centre, 14b St Cross Street, London, EC1N 8BA (quoting reference POL/TMO/PS/1080), to arrive by 28th January 2010.
6. Persons objecting to the proposed Orders should be aware that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, this Council would be legally obliged to make any comments received in response to this notice, open to public inspection.

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LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

ANNANDALE ROAD, CALVERT ROAD, HUMBER ROAD, KIRKSIDE ROAD, MAYSTON MEWS, SIEBERT ROAD, STATION CRESCENT, VANBRUGH HILL, WESTCOMBE HILL AND WOOLWICH ROAD - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES, ONE-WAY WORKINGS, BANNED TURNS, AND PROHIBITION ON PARKING, WAITING AND LOADING

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council intends to make an Order to facilitate road works and the installation of a new gas main. The effect of the Order would be to temporarily:
 - (a) prohibit vehicles from entering, parking, waiting or loading in **Humber Road** (between Westcombe Hill and Ruffin Road), **Kirkside Road** (between Westcombe Hill and Gienkuz Road), **Siebert Road** (between Westcombe Hill and Invista Road), and **Westcombe Hill** (between Westerdale Road and Westcombe Park Road);
 - (b) impose one-way working for vehicles, in whichever direction is indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, in **Annandale Road**, **Calvert Road**, **Humber Road**, **Kirkside Road**, **Siebert Road** and **Westcombe Hill**; and
 - (c) prohibit vehicles from making any turning movement at the following junctions: (i) **Vanbrugh Hill** or **Woolwich Road** at their respective junctions with **Calvert Road** and **Annandale Road**; and (ii) **Westcombe Hill** at its junctions with **Siebert Road**, **Kirkside Road**, **Humber Road**, **Station Crescent** and **Mayston Mews**.
2. **NOTE:** the above restrictions would not be implemented concurrently and would only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs. Vehicular access to properties in the affected lengths of road would be maintained wherever possible subject to the extent and operations of the works.
3. Alternative routes are available via local roads.
4. The Order would come into operation on 8th January 2010 and would continue in operation for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the works would take approximately four months to complete.
5. Queries concerning the works should be directed to Greenwich Council's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5580.

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Addicks face a long slog at the top

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and, by definition, they were inconclusive. As was this stand-off in West London.

Brentford had won twice on the road during the festivities and were far from an ideal choice as Charlton's last opponents of 2009.

They proved to be stubborn, well-organised and ambitious and, when they snatched a 49th-minute lead through inspired substitute Carl Cort, seemed briefly capable of inflicting a third defeat of the season on their second-placed visitors.

There's an impressive resilience about this current Charlton side, though, a corporate defiance which sustains them in adversity. Quickly on terms again, they continued on top and were good value for a useful point.

Into their stride rapidly, the

Addicks might have been in front within two minutes but Chris Dickson lifted a good chance, created by Akpo Sodje's clever flick, over the bar. Recalled from his loan spell at Bristol Rovers, Dickson was a lively presence but closed the half as he began it by missing an even better opportunity.

Intelligently timing his run on to Lloyd Sam's incisive through pass, the confident forward chipped over the advancing Lewis Price but was unlucky to see the ball veer narrowly wide in its flight past the far post. Sam himself had earlier forced Price into a fine save with a venomous strike from 25 yards, while Sodje should have improved on the shot he drove at the keeper after cutting in from the left.

Not much had been seen of the Bees as an attacking force, their solitary on-target effort a

tame drive from Leon Legge which hardly troubled Rob Elliot, until they took an unexpected lead four minutes after the break.

Andy Scott's shrewd interval introduction of the experienced Cort for Rhys Murphy paid off handsomely as the towering striker exploited the defensive confusion caused by John Bostock's outswinging corner to stab home from six yards. The goal was as much an irritation as a shock to Charlton's otherwise disciplined defence. An instant response was imperative and ice-cool Nicky Bailey came into his own.

Dickson was persevering with finely-judged runs, several of which were checked by marginal offside flags, but was hard to discourage. Darting on to Bailey's pass, this time blatantly inside, he

beat Price to the ball, was bowled over by the outmanoeuvred goalkeeper and rewarded by Andy D'Urso's undisputed penalty award.

In the absence of regular spotkick expert Deon Burton, Jonjo Shelvey made a brief application to deputise but was firmly overruled by his skipper. Bailey made his point by easily equalising from the spot.

The rest, with the exception of an immense stroke of luck enjoyed by Charlton with a quarter hour remaining, was routine. But, strewth, what an escape it was, Bailey's needless foul on Ben Strevens giving midfielder Sam Saunders the chance to crash a thunderous free kick against the bar with Elliot hopelessly beaten.

It's become a slog through slurry has this grimly-

contested campaign, no mistake about it, with Charlton's serene progress through the early season going by now but a fond memory. They said it would be over by Christmas. Well, what do they know? It's hardly even started!

TEAMS

Brentford (4-4-2): Price, O'Connor, Dickson, Bean, Foster, Wood (Weston, 59), Bostock (Saunders, 64), Strevens, Balkestein, Legge, Murphy (Cort, 46). **Not used:** Moore, Bennett, Hunt, Osborne. **Charlton (4-4-2):** Elliot, Omozusi, Llera, Semedo, Baisey, Sam, Spring, Bailey, Wagstaff (Shelvey, 53), Dickson (McKenzie, 78), Akpo Sodje. **Not used:** Randolph, Racon, McLeod, Solly, Mambo. **Referee:** Andy D'Urso. **Attendance:** 8,387.

Boxing night treat

by Kevin Nolan

A HANDSOME Norfolk turkey dinner with all the trimmings prepared the fans for Eltham Boxing Club's excellently organised show before Christmas.

Fourteen keenly-contested bouts confirmed the traditional strength of boxing in the area, with Eltham boxers occupying the blue corner in all but one of them.

Two precociously technical 11-year-olds got proceedings off to a post-Christmas pudding start with the host club's busy Frankie Gardner maintaining a decisive edge over Ribak Hussein (Marvels Lane) on his way to a merited unanimous verdict. The standard displayed by both nippers was impressive.

Jenna O'Reilly was recently outpointed by Ashley Pond (Heart of Portsmouth), and by the narrowest of margins also lost their entertaining return. Fourteen-year-old Jenna's elegant boxing won her many admirers and gave the judges a headache but Ashley just deserved the nod. A third meeting of these stylists could be on the cards.

Heavy combination punching from Aaron Reagan proved too much for game Harry Brown-Sykes (Five Star, Essex) over three lively sessions but Connor Farrell was even more lethal in stopping outgunned Billy Tack (Waltham Forest) with first



round body shots.

After an even opening round, Jamie Rose established superiority over Ali Almajain (Felbridge) and won convincingly on points. Tall clubmate Sam Cooper tried bravely to extend Eltham's winning streak but found the rugged, swarming tactics of Dagenham's Reed Hill difficult to contain and conceded an undisputed unanimous decision.

Compact Alex McKay seemed to many to have earned a close verdict over languidly styled Chavez Cantrell (Haringey) in a competitive but sporting clash but, by majority decision, the

judges disagreed. My own scorecard made McKay a 59-58, (2-1 in rounds) winner but the issue was too close to fall out over.

Gutsy George Reagan gave it his best shot to change Eltham's fortunes but in Jamie Wilson (Stowe) came up against arguably the evening's best boxer. George's brave resistance ended in third round stoppage after two standing "8" counts had weakened him.

Eltham's senior boxers joined the action after the interval but Sam Leonard and Michael Shannon had to give best to, respectively, Ian Darvil (Foley)

and Mickey Ansell (Brentwood). The first of the Essex visitors had too much for Sam, who was rescued by coach Steve Barrett's compassionate first round towel. Correctly tutored Shannon resisted resolutely but struggled with the skills of tall sputpaw Ansell, who dominated all three rounds on his way to a clear unanimous victory.

While Eltham took a breather, another local girl, Mary Jo Appaga (Meridian, Charlton), claimed centre stage and showed admirable talent in cruising to a clearcut triumph over Sarah Knieper (Haringey). Mary Jo boxed with supreme

confidence and poise.

Over three two-minute rounds, Jordan McKenzie shared the first round with Stowe's Patrick Corcoran but slipped narrowly behind over the last two sessions. Corcoran's all-round ability was acknowledged by all three judges.

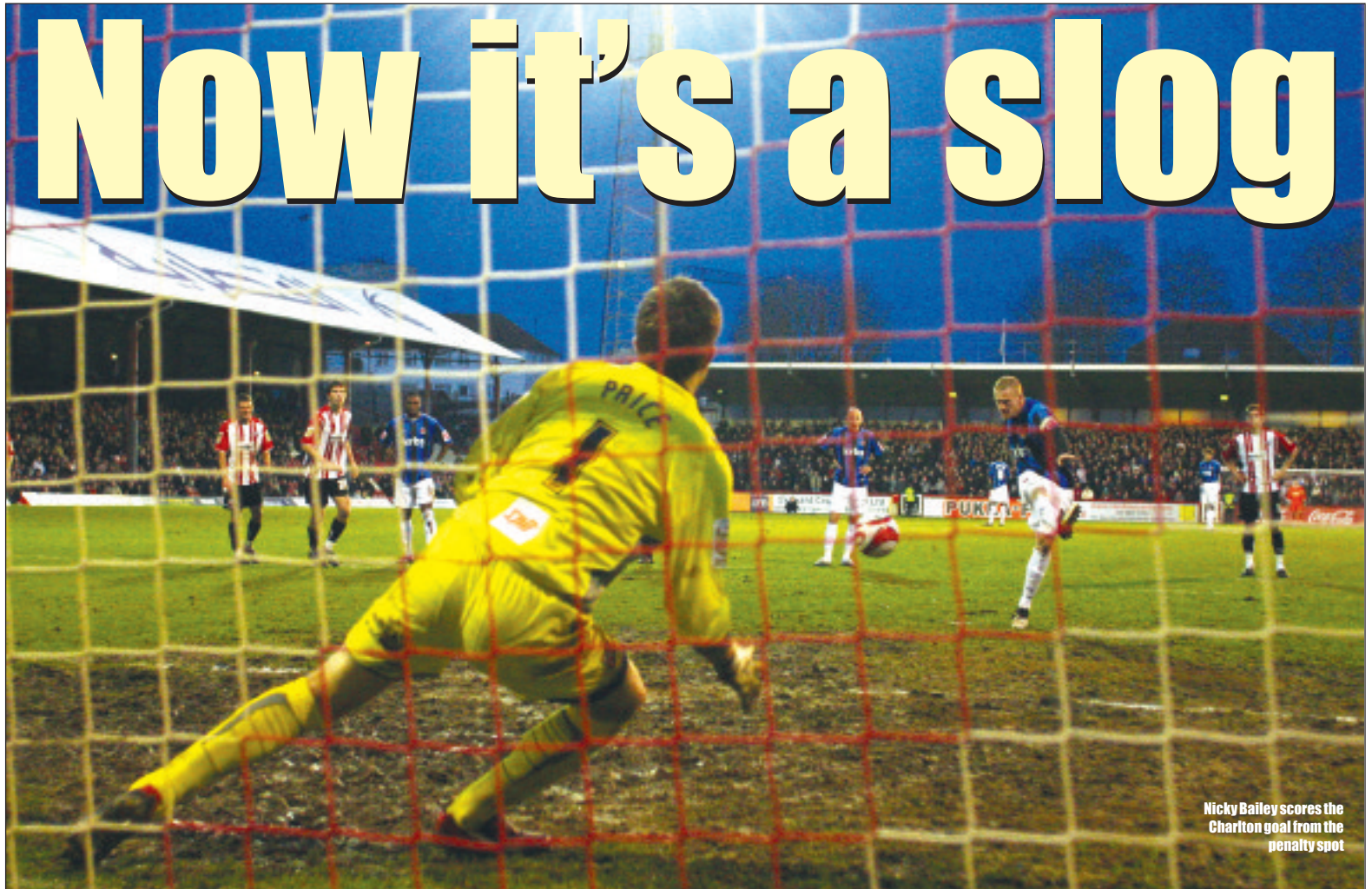
Charlie Wynn was Eltham's last winner after sweeping all three rounds against Brian Lopez (Frank Bruno Academy). Charlie was not in the mood to give an inch and moved smoothly to a routine win.

A bristling four-round local derby closed the show, at the end of which Fitzroy Lodge's Charlie Harrison prevailed, by majority decision, over rangy Harry Sewell. Harry seemed to have quietly edged the opening two rounds but Charlie made up the ground with a series of heavy shots in rounds three and four. This one could have gone either way but Harrison nicked it by closing strongly. A return would be welcome.

A brief spate of ill-advised booing, following the McKay-Cantrell verdict, was nipped immediately in the bud by veteran MC Bernie Flynn and was not allowed to mar a hugely satisfying evening. They've tried to count "10" over boxing on numerous occasions but this latest display of self-discipline and sportmanship at Sidcup's packed Plastic Red venue might make its well-meaning detractors think again. They're missing a treat.

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Nicky Bailey scores the Charlton goal from the penalty spot

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Third draw in a row means it's the long haul for Addicks

**Brentford
Charlton Ath**

by Kevin Nolan

STEADILY drained of resources by injuries, illness and suspensions, the depleted survivors of Charlton's riotous holiday programme limped into Griffin Park looking as haunted as the dwindling

remnants of Albert Square's murderous Mitchell clan after another of their Christmas culls had seen off Archie (stick a sensible saver on ballet-loving Ben, by the way, he's a creepy little swine and twice as scary as his dad). But let's not digress.

Two wildly entertaining home draws had slowed but not quite stalled Charlton's push for automatic promotion; both of them featured dramatic swings of fortune, red cards and added

time equalisers against the odds.

Frustrated in the first instance by spirited 10-man Millwall's late leveller, the Addicks had summoned up reserves of resistance themselves a week later to steal a 94th-minute point from Swindon Town despite spotting their visitors a two-man advantage before half-time.

Football's quirky psychology meant that the first result felt like losing, the second like winning. But draws they were

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GAME OFF

CHARLTON'S match against Walsall on Saturday was postponed following two pitch inspections. Referee Andy Haines inspected the surface at the Banks' Stadium at 9.30am and wanted another inspection at midday following some work by the Saddlers' groundstaff. Addicks boss Phil Parkinson was frustrated by the postponement, but accepted the decision was in the best interests of the safety of the players